



## REVIEWS (selection)

### ALBUM: QUEEN OF THE PILL / 2019

#### **GEARHEAD (USA)** - by Michelle Haunold Lorenz

"...They're one of the most exciting bands going today holding one of the most exciting front woman of this generation. If there's anyone that consistently channels the high energy of Wayne Kramer in mix with the attitude of The Blackhearts, it's Jackie Brutsche..." <https://www.gearheadhq.com/whats-shakin/track-premiere-the-jackets-dreamer>

#### **REASONABLE REAL REVIEWS (USA)** - by NE, May 06 2019

"...The Jackets give rock a good name again. The music and songs combine as spectacularly as the best of British or American New Wave bands. Even the slower numbers Steam Queen and Floating Alice display a determination to be different." <https://reasonablereviewsneilellis.blogspot.com/search?q=The+Jackets>

#### **TIME MACHINE PRODUCTIONS (USA)** - TimeLord Michalis May 03 2019

"...Pure, Raw and Wild! Swiss Fuzzy Exciting Rock 'n' Roll at its Best! A musical Molotov Cocktail!!! Reverend Beat-Man calls it a Fuzz Masterpiece and who am I to argue?"

<https://timemachine-productions.gr/2019/05/03/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill-2019-lpcd-cd-vooodoo-rhythm-records/>

#### **ROCK THE BODY ELECTRIC (USA)** - Xeyedandpainless Tuesday, June 11, 2019

"There is not a weak link among the ten retro rocking tracks presented here as The Jackets dark star is clearly on the rise." <http://www.rockthebodyelectric.com/2019/06/album-review-jackets-queen-of-pill.html>

#### **THE SOUL OF A CLOWN (USA)** - by Thom Hickey 23 May 2019

"... Swiss band The Jackets are doing their best to prove that this sound doesn't have to originate from the U.S." ... "It's great to have a band delivering dark rock n roll. The Jackets are as cool as hell and this album just makes you want to join their gang." <https://thesoulofclown.com/2019/05/23/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

#### **FEAR AND LOATHING FANZINE (UK)** June 2019

"The songs are great, ten of them packed into a mere 32 minutes, but trust me, not a second is wasted. These guys know what they're doing and deliver the good stuff with just the right attitude. You won't want to miss this album!"

<http://www.fearandloathingfanzine.com/record-reviews-july-december-2019.html>

#### **I94 BAR (AUS)** - Written by The Barman on 20 May 2019.

"Every song is crafted, clever, and a blazing, shooting, call-out-the-army riot in a small town over a misplaced pair of slippers. ... Queen of the Pill' is ten supercharged luscious slabs of dance-frantic, limbo-struttin', death-defying rawk that'll come close to blowing your head off." <https://www.i94bar.com/albums/queen-of-the-pill-the-jackets-vooodoo-rhythm>

#### **GRAVYZINE (CAN)** - Mike Krol – Power Chords (March 2019)

"... "A Swiss band, The Jackets are exciting and playful, with the best catchy tunes soaked in a dark, magnetic and mysterious, albeit hopping and upbeat vibe." <http://gravyzine2.com/gravyzine2-reviews/>

#### **HEAT WAVE (UK)** - Nick Kuzmack (USA) - June 14, 2019

"From start to finish Queen of the Pill is comprised of garage-punk rippers. ... This is a solid record. It's the kind of music that is meant to electrify ones blood through their veins, to commit acts of depraved rock n' roll lunacy. ..."

<https://heatwavemag.com/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

#### **ÜBER RÖCK (UK)** by DJ Monk June 18, 2019

"Bern-based power trio The Jackets are one of a slew of widely diverse acts who have been placing the land of mountain-shaped chocolate bars and cuckoo clocks very firmly on the rock 'n' roll map and establishing this seemingly otherwise quiet little country as a true powerhouse of creativity and talent. ... An impressive offering and definitely worth more than a cursory listen." <https://uber-rock.co.uk/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill-vooodoo-rhythm/>

**RPM ONLINE (UK)** 03.07.2019

"In summery its a strong and consistent ten track slab of Garage punk rock and roll and if that's your bag then you're going to love it" <http://rpmonline.co.uk/2019/07/03/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill-vooodoo-rhythm-records/>

**JUICE MAGAZINE (USA)** - Review by Matthew Hutchison April 15, 2019

"This record also shows they're comfortable going away from just being an explosive garage punk band to experimenting with different playing styles and bending their genre a bit. ... The fringe music will prevail, it's an outsider perspective that keeps things original and interesting, and always will. The Jackets are doing just that but stand out well amongst the crowd. Get down with them or move aside."

<https://juicemagazine.com/home/album-review-the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**THE VOID REPORT (USA)** - Kevin Lynch - June 10, 2019

...Queen of the Pill is a fun album. But, if you stick with it long enough to peel back the layers, you'll discover there's more to the songs than the buzzing guitars and charming vocals and backing harmonies. ... There's a nice tug of war between confident and vulnerable that gives these 10 songs more substance than you might glean on the first listen. While there's a certain darkness to some of the songs, dawn remains on the horizon."

<https://thevoidreport.com/2019/06/10/album-review-the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**UP THE PUNK (USA)** - Review by Alex Napiwocki – 10 June, 2019

"There's a good chance they're going to be one of your new favorite bands. ... Every song is a snotty, respectable pop hit, something you so rarely get one of; let alone an album filled with 10. There isn't a weakness on this album. ... This band could work for so many music fans; they're dirty and punk enough for die hard garage snobs, and yet just poppy enough for the radio." <http://upthepunxmag.com/?p=233>

**PUNK GLOBE (USA)** - by James Carlson - June 2019

..."The Jackets prove themselves once again as a rock 'n' roll force to be reckoned with... The result is an undeniably high-quality record of killer songs." <https://www.punkglobe.com/thejackets0619.php>

**GARGAEROCKTOPIA (USA)** Posted 20th June 2019 by Robert Kreutzer

"The album is chock-full of up-tempo rockers, avalanches of great hooks and pounding beats, with nary a clunker to be heard. And while you're fist-pumping to the myriad hooks, it might be easy to not notice the solid lyrical dimension also contained in the songs. ... It would be tough to pick out a best song, since the whole album rocks like crazy."

<https://garagerocktopia.blogspot.com/2019/06/the-jackets-good-cure-for-summertime.html?q=Jackets>

**THE SANTA FE NEW MEXICAN (USA)** by STEVEN W. TERREL June 21, 2019

"... the new album by The Jackets, is good, strong, punked-up variations of that wonderful 1960s sound of teenage Americans trying to imitate British bands imitating African-American blues and soul. It's raw and rowdy and full of fuzz and fury. ..." <http://www.steveterellmusic.com/search?q=Jackets>

**RAZORCAKE (USA)** - by Lord Kveldulfr August 1, 2019

"This is a fantastic record, and one that anyone with even a modicum of affinity for dirty, trashy rock'n'roll would do well to pick up." <https://razorcake.org/jackets-the-queen-of-the-pill-cd/>

**PUNKNEWS.ORG (USA)** - Tom Trauma, July 8, 2019

The sound quality on Queen of the Pill is impressive. If it weren't so crystal clear, you might be tempted to think that it was actually recorded 55 years ago. ... Songs like "Dreamer", "Steam Queen", "Don't Leave Me Alone", "Queen of the Pill", "Loser's Lullaby" and "Be Myself" are worthy of airplay. They manage to have a confident swagger, while still showing vulnerability. <https://www.punknews.org/review/16595/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill>

**RAZORCAKE (USA)** - by Ty Stranglehold August 1, 2019

"... I have to say I pretty much fell instantly in love with this album. I won't claim to be an expert in the genre ..., but I can say that I've always been a fan. The Jackets sound legit, make my ear holes happy... This is their fourth album, so I am about to search out the other three."

<https://razorcake.org/jackets-the-queen-of-the-pill-cd-2/>

**THE VINYL DISTRICT (USA)** by Joseph Neff, June 2019

"Queen of the Pill ... elevates into something pretty special, in part because they have strong, honest-to-goodness songs ...but it's also due to singer Jackie Brutsche (she also plays guitar), who has the lungs of a belter plus distinctive flair" <http://www.thevinylidistrict.com/the-tvd-record-store-club/2019/06/graded-on-a-curve-new-in-stores-for-june-2019-part-two/>

**AUDIO AMMUNITION (USA)** - JC, Octobre 25, 2019

"Forget the tabs, this is straight to the ear drops auditory LSD. Fantastic record, highly recommended!"

<http://audioammunition.blogspot.com/2019/10/>

**BERNER ZEITUNG (CH)** - by Samuel Mumenthaler - 6.June 2019

"Bern ist das heimliche Zentrum der internationalen Garagenrockszene. Und das Trio The Jackets mit seinem neuen Album «Queen of the Pill» einer seiner besten Exportartikel."... "Die Wurzeln liegen klar in den Sixties, doch bei den Jackets treibt der Retrosound neue Blüten."

<https://www.bernerzeitung.ch/kultur/pop-und-jazz/glamour-aus-der-hauptstadtgarage/story/13826369>

**TRACKS MAGAZINE (CH)** by Röbi 07.12.19

"Der Fuzz getränkte Garagenrock des Trios, das seit 2008 existiert, haut rein das es eine wahre Freude ist. ... Überdreht gut! Und textlich gibt es mit Themen wie Identität («Dreamer»), Erwachsenwerden («Move On»), Medikamentenmissbrauch («Queen Of The Pill»), Selbstfindung («Be Myself») und Einsamkeit («Don't Leave Me Alone») auch noch Tiefgang."

<https://tracks-magazin.ch/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**STRAYSTINGRAY (RUS)** by straystingray 14.06.2019

*В неперемные фавориты метит "Loser's Lullaby", на которую был снят китчевый клип авторства фронтвумен Джеки Брутче, достойно звучат вышедшие два года назад "Be Myself" и заглавная "Queen Of The Pill", однако - и в этом главное достоинство нового релиза трио - число приятных открытий здесь соразмерно количеству песен в треклисте, парадоксальным образом сохраняющем и монолитность звучания, и пестроту музыкальной подложки. Определённо новый альбом группы, заслуживающий первых мест во всех возможных списках года - как жанровых, так и полистиличных - стоил без малого четырёх лет томительного ожидания."*

<http://straystingray.blogspot.com/2019/06/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill-2019.html>

**IN SEARCH OF MEDIA (UK)** - Martin Boev, July 22, 2019

"The heavy energy the band brings is inspiring, and now that I've experienced this album, it's time to go back in time to their discography and discover more of their music. Terrific album."

<https://insearchofmedia.com/2019/07/22/music-the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**ARTNOIR (CH)** Jackets – 11/06/19 von Michael Bohli

"Es macht einfach verdammt viel Spass, diesem Trio beim Musizieren zuzuhören und schnell wird jede Stunde des Lebens zum besten Moment des Wochenendes."

<https://artnoir.ch/jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**SCHAFE SCHÜSSE (GER)** - by DannyB - 9. Mai 2019

... "Insgesamt ein verdammt starkes Album, das die Ursprünge des '60s Rock mit Schmackes & Feuer entstaubt und letztlich dafür sorgt, dass auch dieses Genre noch längst nicht tot ist. Bei mir wird dieses Album noch öfter laufen, so viel ist sicher." <https://schafe-schuesse.de/de/content/jackets-queen-pill>

**LOCO WEEKEND MAGAZINE (ESP)** by William 10th June 2019

"With praise being given by some legends of the scene, it's clear that this band is going places, and is showing no signs of slowing down! ...The powerful distorted voice of the female lead adds some serious personality to the records, and will have you hooked throughout the album!"

<https://mag.locoweekend.com/music/the-jackets-4th-album-is-out/>

**CUBICAL (ESP)** 29 Mayo 2019

"The Jackets se han ganado un puesto privilegiado dentro de la música, siendo una banda de referencia para los seguidores del Garage Music. ...The Jackets poseen un sonido potente y salvaje, pero también saben llevar ese grado de humor que tanto les caracteriza a todo lo que hacen y han vuelto para revalidar título en el panorama musical."

<https://www.cubicalmag.es/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>

**MAKING TIME (ESP)** by David, 26.06.2019

"Fans devotos del garage y del rock más intenso de raíz sixtie no pueden dejar pasar este disco, otro más en una trayectoria impecable, la de The Jackets, que no hace sino confirmarles como uno de los más destacados combos en este género en lo que va de siglo!" <http://fanzinemakingtime.blogspot.com/2019/06/>

**EXTREMASOUND (ESP)** 14.01.2020

"De lo mejor del pasado año entre rockeros y garageros, esta banda suiza ha entregado un cuarto disco realmente magnífico, intenso, poderoso, divertido y sin tacha, porque no tiene una canción no ya mala, sino floja."

<https://extremasound.com/rock/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill-2019/>

**MUSICA INCLASIFICABLE (MEX)** - Rodrigo R. Herrera - 15 de mayo de 2019

"...existen pocas agrupaciones que puedan presumir de contar con una trayectoria de más de una década de trabajo continuo. Un ejemplo claro se puede apreciar con The Jackets y su publicación constante de materiales y giras a lo largo de toda Europa e inclusive ya han visitado Estados Unidos. ... Con un estilo bastante definido que no pretende

cambiar, el trabajo confirma a uno de los conjuntos más trabajadores y estables de la actualidad. Tanto su sonido como la voz de Jack Torera ya son fácilmente identificables y eso se reafirma con su nuevo material."

<http://musicainclasificable.blogspot.com/2019/05/resena-jackets-queen-of-pill-vooodoo.html>

**VOIX DE GARAGE GRENOBLE (FR)** - Bertrand Tappaz samedi 15 juin 2019

"Je ne vais pas vous cacher que pour moi ce trio suisse est dans le top 5 des meilleurs groupes de la planète sous l'étiquette Garage. ... Et ce tout autant sur album que sur scène. Comme je l'ai reçu il y a plus d'un mois j'ai eut le temps de l'écouter beaucoup, beaucoup, beaucoup. Et je dis : OH OUI, BABY ! ... En attendant de les revoir sur scène, il y a de quoi se régaler avec cet album ultra roboratif et ultra réjouissant !!!!"

[https://voixdegaragegrenoble.blogspot.com/search?q="The+Jackets"](https://voixdegaragegrenoble.blogspot.com/search?q=)

**ROCKGARAGE (IT)** by Marcello Zinno 21.06.2019

"Garage, garage punk e rock'n'roll si mescolano senza soluzione di continuità in un ballo infinito che trova la sua giusta collocazione proprio dal vivo, in un club rock dalle luci psichedeliche per colori ma impazzite per velocità e intensità. Perché luci psichedeliche?! Provate ad ascoltare Floating Alice e sarete catapultati in una trama onirica piena di sostanze stupefacenti ed effetti psicotropi che mostrano un altro lato dell'irruenza targata The Jackets."

<http://www.rockgarage.it/?p=79610>

**IYE ZINE (IT)**

"Altro colpaccio dell'etichetta è questo nuovo album dei The Jackets, Queen of the Pill. ...Il trio non si ispira al garage, ma lo possiede. Ciò fa sì che risultino eccitanti, dinamici, rumorosi, divertenti e che producano dipendenza sonora alle orecchie di noi ascoltatori."

<https://www.iyezine.com/the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill>

**BLUES MAGAZINE (NL)** - Peter Marinus

"Het trio pompt er energiek op los en mengt met groot gemak hun garagerock met een aanstekelijk bubblegum popgeluid." <https://www.bluesmagazine.nl/recensie-the-jackets-queen-of-the-pill/>