

STAR MATRIARCH

RIYL PJ Harvey, 50 Ft Wave, Sleater Kinney

NEW SINGLE "YOU'RE FREE (WITH ME)"

Sex workers are, in fact, providers of care. Carol's updated and guttural vocal delivery of "You're Free With Me" sounds as much as it is for herself as it does for her clients, however. Her signature agitated guitar and booming drums seem to back this up, making the track a gusty and gutsy endeavor. As nurturing as she is ferocious, Star Matriarch gives the listener permission to relinquish their own shame and doubt.

Carol Bui: vocals, guitar, drums, percussion, lyrics, composition

Aaron Leitko: bass

TJ Lipple: Engineering, Mixing

Vlado Meller: Mastering



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"IN THE TRADITION OF HER HOMETOWN OF WASHINGTON, D.C., BUI HAS MADE A PUNK-BRED RECORD WHERE THE GUITAR IS LOUD BUT THE TUNES PREVAIL."

-PITCHFORK'S REVIEW OF CAROL'S LP "EVERYONE WORE WHITE" (2007),
RATED 7.8



Photo by Jamaal Davis

Star Matriarch, a project by multi-disciplinary artist Carol Bui, combines rock, pop, and modulated Egyptian rhythms to build thrilling musical worlds. Carol weaves her experiences as a 'raqs sharqi' dancer, ex-whore, and ex-punk-wannabe with a delicate balance of raw power and vulnerability. The guitars are abrasive and pithy, melodies are as ferocious as they are sweet, rhythms viscerally primordial, and the lyrics tell uncomfortable stories you haven't yet heard.

After a 10+ year hiatus, Carol returns with updates and additions to her 2011 LP 'Red Ship', slated for reissue in vinyl format on Exotic Fever Records early 2024. Watch out for single releases in 2023, starting with "You're Free (With Me)" on May 23rd.

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