

Critical acclaim for

The New Pornographers'

Continue as a Guest

"On their ninth album, the sense of crisis in Newman's songwriting is reflected in a more subdued musical tone as well, making for an LP that delivers its vivid emotional payoff in subtle gestures. That doesn't mean there aren't big, splashy songs here... Hot guitar charge takes a backseat to studio pastiche, a wistful saxophone shows up prominently, and the tempos tend toward the reflectively drifty. The results can be magisterial."

Rolling Stone

"Newman treats pop as an artisanal pursuit on *Continue as a Guest*, writing for connoisseurs who appreciate the science of bubblegum as much as the flavor."

Pitchfork

"By now, you know what time it is. You know what this band does. They make catchy, sophisticated alternate-universe hits."

"'Really Really Light' is an absolutely fantastic New Pornographers song, spilling over with hooks and striking an ideal balance of ornate beauty and fervent energy. A quarter-century into their run, these kids have still got it!"

STEREOGUM

"Thematically, the record is concerned with what many songwriters have grappled with over the last several years: the malaise of a COVID-era world, isolation, societal collapse, etc. But in typical New Pornographers fashion, the majority of the record's sound is unabashedly joyous. It's this contradictory nature that has always made the band compelling."

UNDER THE RADAR

"Continue as a Guest could be the most challenging New Pornographers album, but its strangeness and subtleties reward your patience."

relix

"The New Pornographers are a massive unit bursting with unique and intersecting talents: the sharp observations and angular riffs of A.C. Newman, the roots-rock revelations of folk troubadour Neko Case, the disaffected witticisms of former member and Destroyer front man Dan Bejar. The band's ninth album serves another helping of their signature dish."

NEW YORK

"The New Pornographers have been slinging pristine indie-pop hooks for over two decades now, and new single 'Really Really Light'... reminds the world of the combined power of A.C. Newman, Dan Bejar and Neko Case as singers, songwriters and complementary pieces in a group setting."

billboard

"A welcome return from indie-pop legends."

COOL HUNTING

"The New Pornographers reliably bring the power pop; one can always count on big hooks, anthemic choruses, and impeccably arranged orchestrations... From glittering arpeggiators to a well-placed sampled yelp, along with saxophones and meaty synths, the songs seem to be born of a playful approach."

WNYC
NEW SOUNDS
Soundcheck

"['Really Really Light' is] a noisy, jangly song full of memorable melodies and entrancing harmonies. It's a promising preview."

UPROXX

"Most anticipated albums of 2023."

Paste

"Continue as a Guest is dark, but the band's inherent sense of craft gives even their moodiest cuts a sense of play and, at times, even mischief... it succeeds more subtly on its own terms and begs for repeated listens."

ALL MUSIC

"Newman is a master of gathering exceptional singers and songwriters."

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