



DUCK SOUP

There's Something New, It Looks Like Duck Soup

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The other night, I had a unique opportunity. For probably the first time, I heard a Rock, Jazz, Folk, Humor group the likes of which hasn't tickled my eardrums before.

"Duck Soup," as the conglomeration of people is known, was according to a press kit, named after the Marx Brothers' film of the same name. I guess this is where the humor part comes from.

"Soup" was playing Grendel's Lair, 500 South St., Philadelphia, under the guiding hands of Jerry Clawson and Phil Roy, resident Innkeepers,

with the hopes of making themselves a little better known in the serious Philadelphia music community.

This group deserves to be heard...They have a style unequaled in the area (at least to my ears) and that unbelievable humor pouring out of Jim "Pabs" Pabarue's mouth adds to an already good thing.

The combination of great vocals and very tight musicianship, if these were the only attributes of the group, would make for fine listening. But this singular unit has added

something else, sincerity and originality.

Most of "Soup's" music is written by its keyboard man, Dick Grossman. He is an experienced musician and, more than that, the strongest link in the "Soup's" musical chain. He binds the group together and holds it.

The other members: Jimmy Hayne, guitar; Bill Hayward, bass; and Bill Koepnick, drums, all add their specialties with a great deal of confidence.

They seem to attack the music the way a starving man would a steak. But that is

where the similarity ends.

After the "starving men" dive into the music, they treat it as if it were a child. Using every tool of the business and acting as scientists in a laboratory, they build their numbers, brick by brick, until they get to complete satisfaction.

I can tell you this, when I listened to Duck Soup, I heard about 15 different types of music all rolled into one big, tightknit ball. It's good listening.

In the usual usage of "Duck Soup," it means "a sure thing." Go listen to Duck Soup, it's going to be a pleasure and THAT's 'Duck Soup!'