

YACHT

I BELIEVE IN YOU. YOUR MAGIC IS REAL.



Artist: YACHT **Title:** I Believe In You. Your Magic Is Real. **Format:** CD / LP **Release Date:** May 8th, 2007 **File Under:** Indie R&B, Grunge, Pop

Where do **YACHT** songs live? Is it the files and folders of a computer that they call home? Are they burrowed inside **Jona Bechtolt's** body, clicking from synapse to synapse? Or are they everywhere, all at once, rushing out from your headphones and into your heart, like a high-five or a hug from someone you haven't seen in years?

YACHT is the full-time project of **The Blow's** Jona Bechtolt, whose production skills on the breakout album **Paper Television** -- a record that grabbed top spots on year-end lists, in Moms' car stereos, and top-dog music blogs alike -- were lauded by Pitchfork reviewers as "a brilliant and versatile grab bag of popular culture, equal parts Missy Elliott-style chart rap and Yaz'n'Soft Cell-like new wave keyboard pop, all shook up and spit out sideways."

YACHT shows are uncluttered, inspiring sessions of improbable dance moves and synchronized crowd-waving; the songs shudder happily into the air, and any relationship to "laptop music" is shattered by Bechtolt's own strain of shamanistic bombast.

The songs that make up YACHT's **I Believe in You. Your Magic is Real.** (MAR040) travel well; they're wide and warm-hearted, not unlike Bechtolt himself, bouncing without pretension from iPod to turntable, as buoyant and easy in a middle schooler's bedroom as they are echoing across a huge crowd, pouring from a jukebox, or woven thoughtfully into a mix tape.

What makes these songs so accessible -- apart from their undeniable vigor, or their fractured, crystalline pop sensibility -- is the strength of their objective. Behind the beats and the choruses, which come from left-field and bloom into frenetic dance breaks, are big ideas about how positive thinking, optimism, and luck can replace blind faith in a world without a lot of white gloves, wands, or magic.

Bechtolt has been a promiscuous genre-smasher since his adolescence, when he decided that playing drums in the touring punk band he formed with his older brother was more worthwhile than attending a single day of high school. He's plied his unique breed of laptop wizardry and grunge intuition to endless collaborations, both as drummer and producer, with west coast mainstays like **Panther, Little Wings, Mt. Eerie, Bobby Birdman, Devendra Banhart, and E*Rock.**

I Believe in You. Your Magic is Real. is a collection of songs committed to record, but they are not limited by it; if the anthemic choruses and stuttering beats are the protons and neutrons, then it's the ideas that make up the nuclei -- those spinning building blocks of a musical universe, where the real magic, Bechtolt urges, is what we're made of.

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The Blow - Poor Aim: Love Songs (2007, K Records)
The Blow - Paper Television (2006, K Records)
YACHT - MEGA (2005, Marriage Records)
YACHT - Super Warren MMIV (2004, States Rights Records)
V/A - OUR FRIENDS IN HELL (2007, States Rights Records)
Bobby Birdman - Victory At Sea 12" (2006, Fryk Beat)
Devendra Banhart - Cripple Crow (2005, XL)

"Don't miss the boat on YACHT." -- **The Fader Magazine**

"Bechtolt's hip-hop-influenced beats make you want to dance like you're a 10-year-old in aerobics class." -- **Venus Magazine**

"Jona Bechtolt is no more a normal human being than a toaster is a Ferrari." -- **austinist.com**

"YACHT = megaphysical." -- **Devendra Banhart**

"Positive energy rainbow dome music from a next-generation west coast healer" -- **Dave Longstreth, The Dirty Projectors**



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