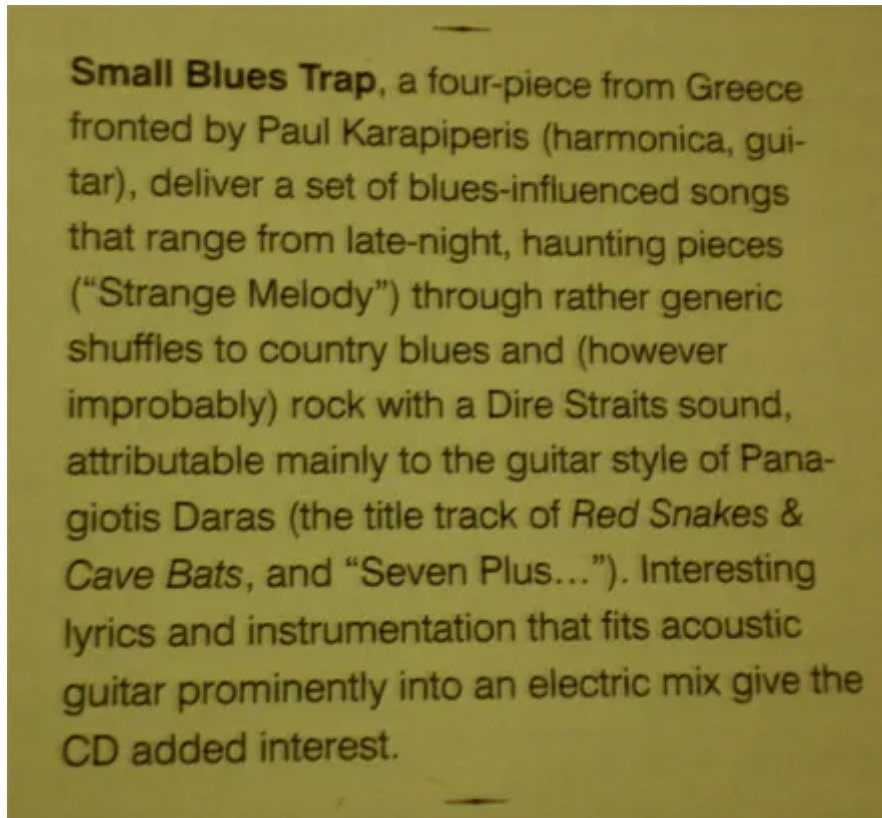


SMALL BLUES TRAP



Small Blues Trap, a four-piece from Greece fronted by Paul Karapiperis (harmonica, guitar), deliver a set of blues-influenced songs that range from late-night, haunting pieces ("Strange Melody") through rather generic shuffles to country blues and (however improbably) rock with a Dire Straits sound, attributable mainly to the guitar style of Panagiotis Daras (the title track of "Red Snakes & Cave Bats", and "Seven Plus...").

Interesting lyrics and instrumentation that fits acoustic guitar prominently into an electric mix give the CD added interest.

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