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## Headless Household to play myriad musics for its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Center Stage Theater concert, Monday, Dec. 4

**A**ged 23 and with no apparent signs of giving up yet, Santa Barbara's hopelessly eclectic "new music party band" **Headless Household** is making its way towards its 17<sup>th</sup> annual xmas concert at Center Stage Theater.

**When:** Monday, Dec. 4, 2005, at 8 p.m. **Where:** Center Stage Theater, upstairs in Santa Barbara's Paseo Nuevo. **£:** Tickets are \$10, general and \$7, seniors and students. Box office: (805) 963-0408, or, web-wise, [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org).



The heart of the Household still consists of charter members Dick Dunlap (keyboards), Tom Lackner (drumcussives), Joe Woodard (guitars), and Chris Symer (bass), who is coming down from Seattle for the occasion. Joining them are such honorary, and virtually *actual*, Householders as Julie Christensen on vocals, Tom Buckner on sax, Sally Barr on violin, trumpeter Jeff Kaiser... and more to come and confirm.

This year's concert will lean heavily on the band's two latest albums, *Blur Joan* (2005) and *post-Polka* (2003), with other items old and new tossed into the sonic salad. Other titles in the discography in progress (two new recordings are currently in midstream): *Headless Household* (1987), *Inside/Outside USA* (1993), *ITEMS* (1995), *Free Associations* (1999), and *mockhausen* (2000). All are on the in-house Household Ink label, which celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. Numbers are our thing.

(For a sampling of Household Ink's library, visit our new streaming radio station, "HI Radio," at [www.householdink.com/hiradio.htm](http://www.householdink.com/hiradio.htm).)

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## Press types:

“Santa Barbara, California, a hot bed for creative music? Well, that may be an overstatement, but like many towns throughout the world, there is creative music to be found seemingly everywhere... Soundwise, it is an eclectic and surprisingly alluring program that covers a variety of genres that, while certainly experimental, remains accessible... (*Blur Joan* is) a quirky--in a good way--outing from a group that is certainly charting its own course.”

--Jay Collins, *Cadence*, Oct. 2006

“Long-running Santa Barbara eclectic-jazz weirdoes **Headless Household** have simmered all their exotic flavors into a very palatable goulash called *Blur Joan* (Household Ink). **Joe Woodard, Dick Dunlap** and **Tom Lackner** really orchestrated this one, and with the help of brilliant friends (**Dave Binney, Jim Connolly, Julie Christensen** et al.), swing and waltz and reggae and sound effects unite — natural, warm and full of protein.”

--Greg Burk, *LA Weekly*, May 10, 2006

“What the band has going for it is solid musicianship and an admirable willingness to toss in whatever strikes their fancy.” --Aaron Steinberg, *Jazz Times*, July/August, 2006

“NOT SOME BORING TRIO: Center Stage Theater underwent a sonic remodeling on Monday, as the Headless Household—with Joe Woodard on guitar, Dick Dunlap on keys, and Tom Lackner on percussives, plus close to a dozen talented musical aides—dropped its annual December dose of jazz eclectic... What a weird, wonderful, wacky wreck, once again.” —Matt Kettmann, *Santa Barbara Independent*

--Re: *post-Polka*: “Headless Household are men who understand the need to balance irreverence with reverence, who realize that the clarinet can be ominous, who know that clowns are scary...a willingness to expand your horizons and a broad sense of humor will help immensely.” --Justin Kownacki, *Splendid e-zine*, [www.splendidezine.com](http://www.splendidezine.com)

--“Music this wildly diverse can never be properly marketed in this age of specialization, but that doesn't make it any less extraordinary.” --Bill Milkowski, *Tower Pulse magazine*

--“Headless Household may be Santa Barbara's worst-kept secret or its best-known unknown band.” --Ted Mills, *Santa Barbara News-Press*

-- “... super-longitudinally blessed band—wisely, whimsically dubbed...” D.J. Palladino, *Santa Barbara Independent*

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