



XTC - as the Dukes of Stratosphear
Psurroundabout Ride (CD/Blu-Ray - Dolby Atmos edition)

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XTC as Dukes of Stratosphear – the complete recordings now mixed for Dolby Atmos Audio from the original multi-track studio master tapes by Steven Wilson & approved by XTC

CD: features the 2019 stereo mix of both 25 O’Clock and Psonic Psunspot + 2 extra tracks

Blu-ray: 2026 Dolby Atmos mix plus 2019 5.1 surround sound, 2019 stereo mixes by Steven Wilson plus the original stereo mix and the complete demos from both albums in Hi-res stereo.

Sir John Johns ~ the Red Curtain ~ Lord Cornelius Plum ~ E.I.E.I. Owen
Produced by John Leckie (Swami Anand Nagara) and The Dukes

Sometimes it pays to be a studio band... Between 1980 (when they were still performing live) and 1989, XTC wrote, recorded and released a series of albums from Black Sea to Oranges & Lemons that cemented the band’s reputation as songwriters and recording artists almost without parallel in the UK. They may not have sold as many as some and they tended to sell more in Japan and America than on home soil. They may not be as famous as other bands of the era but, to many of those with discerning ears, they’re rated among the very best, the select few who rise above their contemporaries...

As if six stellar albums in ten years including two double LPs - in an era when the advent of digital technology and CDs left many artists struggling to issue one or two albums in the same period - wasn’t enough, the band also issued two albums under completely different names as The Dukes of Stratosphear, an unashamedly psychedelic ensemble which phased and flanged in and out of existence in 1985 and 1987 respectively... (Though rumours continue to circulate of an earlier proto Merseybeat/Brit Blues incarnation of the band under yet another name..)

In 2019, Psurroundabout Ride was released on CD/Blu-ray gathering all of the Dukes’ material including the original stereo mixes, new 2019 Steven Wilson 5.1 and stereo mixes of the albums and the additional recordings of ‘Open a Can of Human Beans,’ ‘Black Jewelled Serpent of Sound (Radio Caroline Edit)’ and ‘Tin Toy Clockwork Train’ along with demos of 25 O’Clock and Psonic Psunspot.

Now in 2026 Steven Wilson has once again worked his magic to create a three-dimensional Atmos audio mix that brings out all the delightful intricacies in detail. While the original psychedelic era was born of the possibilities inherent in stereo but, ironically, mostly heard via mono radios at the time and XTC’s 80s return to that genre capitalised on all the studio

progress made in stereo recording over the preceding two decades, The Dukes' output proved very well suited to the 5.1 surround sound environment in 2019.

However, the combination of the strength of the original material/recordings and the possibilities of Atmos, combined with Steven Wilson's love of the material and experience as a mixer of Atmos releases, take the material several trips further into the audio cosmos. The musical experimentation of the mid 1960s as reimagined by XTC in the 1980s, may finally have found its ultimate listening mode in the technology of the 2020s. As Jefferson Airplane put it: "Feed Your Head..."

Tracklist

CD 1

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| 1. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: 25 O'Clock | 05:03 |
| 2. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Bike Ride To The Moon | 02:22 |
| 3. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: My Love Explodes | 03:48 |
| 4. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: What In The World..." | 05:00 |
| 5. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Your Gold Dress | 04:41 |
| 6. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: The Mole From The Ministry | 05:50 |
| 7. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Vanishing Girl | 03:00 |
| 8. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Have You Seen Jackie' | 03:21 |
| 9. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Little Lighthouse | 04:31 |
| 10. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: You're A Good Man Albert Brown (Curse You Red Barrel) | 03:38 |
| 11. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Collideascope | 03:24 |
| 12. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: You're My Drug | 03:20 |
| 13. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Shiny Cage | 03:17 |
| 14. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Brainiac's Daughter | 03:57 |
| 15. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: The Affiliated | 02:31 |
| 16. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Pale And Precious | 04:56 |
| 17. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Open a Can of Human Beans | 04:44 |
| 18. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Black Jewelled Serpent Of Sound (Radio Caroline Edit) | 02:18 |
| 19. | The Dukes Of Stratosphear: Tin Toy Clockwork Train | 03:18 |

BluRay 2

1. XTC: Dolby Atmos Mixes
2. XTC: 2019 5.1 Mixes
3. XTC: 2019 Stereo
4. XTC: Instrumental
5. XTC: Original Stereo
6. XTC: Demos and Extras