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ARTIST: **DOT WIGGIN BAND**

TITLE: **Ready! Get! Go!**

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FORMAT: **CD, LP w/ download, Digital**

The Shaggs' "Philosophy of the World" quietly debuted 44 years ago and eventually became the crown jewel for outsider music fans because of its charming and discordant pop songs. Now, the Shaggs' singer and songwriter, **Dot Wiggin** is back to break the silence and share her uncommonly cute, uncanny music on her 1st ever solo album, Ready! Get! Go! (virus 460). **Frank Zappa** said the Shaggs were "**better than the Beatles**" and **Kurt Cobain** regarded them as "so obviously the real thing."

The **Dot Wiggin Band** retains some Shaggs-ish character, without missing a beat or trying to recreate what once was. The band is better at their instruments than Dot's sisters were but retain the original crude allure that made the Shaggs so special. Ready! Get! Go! varies from raw punkish indie to pretty virginal melodies, all with Dot's whimsical lyrics. Dot's lyrics are simple but haunting, without ever becoming formulaic or gimmicky. Her peculiar, sweet voice rolls along the different musical styles surprisingly well, tying Ready! Get! Go! together. It is exactly what one wants to hear after a 44 year musical hiatus – something reminiscent of the Shaggs, but refreshingly matured.

Ready! Get! Go! is a mix of **never-recorded Shaggs** songs and new classics written by **Dot Wiggin** and her band! "Speed Limit" is a danceable track with a catchy chorus-chant that showcases the innocent fun loving side of the band, whereas "Boo Hoo," shows their capacity for the melancholy western tune. "Speed Limit 2" offers rambunctious and berserk rock n' roll-noise that comes as a powerful surprise and delight. "Banana Bike" is an unrecorded Shaggs song given new life with Dot's signature bashfulness. Upbeat and heavyhearted, "The Fella with a Happy Heart," is another classic Shaggs-era song that was never heard until now. The album ends with a cover of "End of the World," a new take on **Skeeter Davis's** 1962 cowboy hit that demonstrates the diversity of Ready! Get! Go!

Ready! Get! Go! is the surprise comeback album of the year. After only a few shows, the band is flooded with requests for touring and concerts as well as press requests. It may have been 44 years since Dot's last record but 2013 will be the year of Dot Wiggin!

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TRACK LISTING:

1. Banana Bike
2. The Fella With A Happy Heart
3. Speed Limit
4. If I Could Be Your Hero
5. Love At First Sight
6. Your Best Friend
7. Boo Hoo
8. Eh
9. My Cutie
10. Speed Limit 2
11. Wiggin Out!
12. Just Another Crazy Day At The Farm
13. End Of The World