**The Diplomats of Solid Sound featuring The Diplomettes**

Rock Island Brewing Company
Saturday, April 19, 10 p.m.

The Iowa City soul ensemble The Diplomats of Solid Sound has released songs titled "Bullfrog Boogaloo," "Alligator Boogaloo," and "Grease Monkey," so I assume that PETA's kinda thrilled. Of course, others titles in the group's discography include "Hurt Me So," "Plenty Nasty," and the CD *Aphrodisiac*, so I assume that PETA's also kinda concerned.

Playing the Rock Island Brewing Company on April 19, the band performs in the classic style of soul icons James Brown, Booker T & the MGs, and The Ventures, and has jazzed festival and club audiences nationwide with its tight, energetic blend of saxophone, organ, and drums.

Though formed in 1998, it wasn't until 2006 that the Diplomats expanded their boys' club to include vocalists Sarah Cram, Katharine Ruestow, and Abbie Sawyer as The Diplomettes - described by the *Kansas City Star* as "three gifted soul sirens." And since then, the musicians have toured Italy, France, and Spain, contributed music to the TV series
*Reaper,*
and released the CD

*The Diplomats of Solid Sound Featuring The Diplomettes*
, which the group's MySpace page says is "guaranteed to groove its way into your head and your ass."

I actually came up with about a dozen different punchlines for that quote. None of them were suitable for print.

The ensemble's RIBCO gig begins at 10 p.m., and more on the group is available at ( http://www.thediplomats.org
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Friday, April 18, through Sunday, April 20

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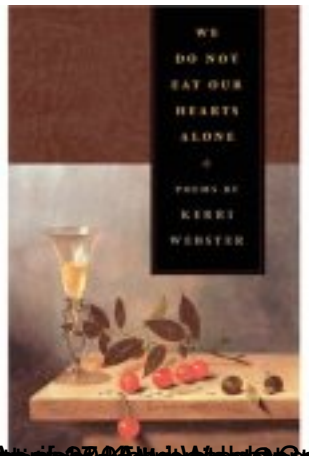
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