

PATRICK WATSON

WOODEN ARMS (PEACE FROG)

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From the same tight-knit artistic scene in Montreal that birthed Arcade Fire and Godspeed You! Black Emperor, Patrick Watson

has been quietly earning a fearsome live reputation in the last three years. On this third album, the musical settings delve deeper into the atmospheric of previous records. The spontaneous-sounding arrangements - topped by Watson's uniquely mercurial voice - are at turns ornate, grand and subtle, but never less than totally bewitching. From the poised and elegant chanson of the title track through to the clanging Tom Waits-style carnival atmosphere of 'Travelling Salesman' and the heart-meltingly beautiful, banjo-driven duet of 'Big Bird In A Small Cage', these woozily intoxicating songs deserve your attention. **Anthony Thornton**
DOWNLOAD: 'Big Bird In A Small Cage'