

## Brainwashed - The Passengers, "Queen of Weird / Danger Zone"

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Artist: THE PASSENGERS Title: **Queen of Weird / Danger Zone** Format : 7 inch single (clear vinyl) + digital copy

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Les Disques du Crepuscule presents *All Through the Night*, the first of two of newly recorded 7-inch coloured vinyl singles by **The**

### **e Passengers**

, the late 1970s new wave group from Brussels who subsequently became cult Factory/Crepuscule band

### **The Names**

In 1978, with the Brussels scene still in the grip of raw punk, The Passengers offered a fresh, pop-oriented sensibility, mingled with the darker accents of later post-punk. This was young music in every sense, with none of The Passengers older than 22, shaped more by American than British influences, notably the Velvet Underground, whose radical style was in turn echoed by late Seventies bands like Richard Hell and the Voidoids, Talking Heads and Television. The presence of Isabelle Hanrez on vocals also made comparisons with Blondie inescapable.

With their first gigs in the five-piece quickly became a local sensation, and in March 1978 won a battle of the bands known as the 'First Belgian Punk Contest' - only to reject the prize (a one-off single deal) as a cynical commercial ploy. Instead, the band chose to tape *All Through the Night* for Brussels punk imprint Romantik Records, only for the label to fold before this came to pass.

The Passengers parted company soon after, with Michel Sordinia, Marc Deprez and Christophe Den Tandt becoming The Names on Factory Records, while Hanrez formed own pop-punk outfit, Isabelle et les Nic-Nacs. Four decades on, the original Passengers quintet decided to record and issue the singles denied a release at the time, recorded and played as if it were still 1978!

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Cover portrait by Eric de Merklene. Design by Atomluft. Available on 7-inch **clear vinyl** single (includes free digital copy on MP3). Limited to 500 copies.

### **Tracklist :**

A1. Queen of Weird B1. Danger Zone