

Mr. Bear

These Machines



Mr. Bear is Jack Bishop. Jack Bishop is Mr. Bear.

Hailing from Little Rock, Arkansas, Bishop is a multi-instrumentalist bundle of talent. His lyrics are fascinating, and his melodies are both creative and catchy.

On *These Machines*, his second self-released full length, Bishop plays every instrument on the album with some back up vocals thrown in by fellow Little Rock musician Taylor Galloway. But this isn't just a vocal-guitar-bass-drum type of outing; Bishop even decided to dust off a few trumpet solos. He also made good use of his banjo, the instrument from which he learned guitar. Beginning as almost samples of instrumental noise rock, *These Machines* evolved into something much more, each song being a musical gem.

After relocating to Chicago, IL to attend school, Bishop was picked up as the first artist on the new Tandem Shop Records. Together, they have planned for a re-release of *These Machines* for early 2009.

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