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CD Review: Hungry and The Hunted - Magic Bullets

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DEBUT album from this power trio formed in 2006 by Azam Khan.

Khan is a highly accomplished guitarist and fronted Midnight Special, a blues/rock band, and he was proclaimed 'The New Dalai Lama of Blues' by TNT magazine (who was the 'old' one?) He found the British Blues scene restricting and decided to start again.

Immersing himself in the music of his youth, to wit, The Clash and Springsteen etc.; his songwriting added The Stones and Hendrix to the pot.

The result is 'Magic Bullets': a hard hitting, snarling disc of protest anthems.

Azam says that the album "is a tribute to the spirit of the underdog."

Drawing upon what he sees in modern-day life, his anger is aimed at the likes of celebrity culture, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and big business.

The track 'Always Outnumbered Always Outgunned' perhaps sums up the tone of the whole album.

Khan has a lot to say and on this first outing he says it eloquently.

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