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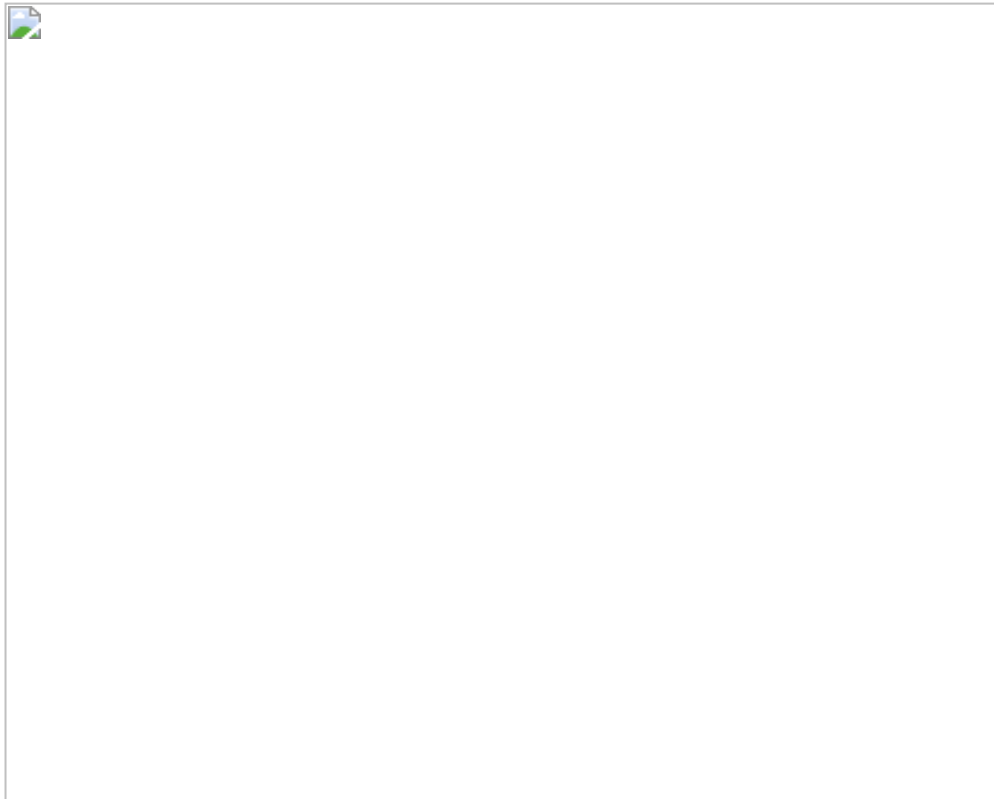
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The Annual Hindsight Report

At this time last year all of you were still dancing to the **Brumalia** hits that appeared everyday and continued through the sixth of January. Certainly a good way to get a running start on a year that, perhaps, produced more releases than any previous year in the group's 32 year history. Although no new Residents album came out, I count five CD releases and two DVD's. And of the CD's all but one, **The Commercial Album**, was either unreleased or remixed music. Wow.

The biggest surprise had to be **WB:RMX** which appeared without warning last January. And that even spun off the 12" remix of the remix of **Baby Skeletons and Dogs** (and **Bijou**). And then came RMX # 2, the remix of **The King and Eye** by **Paralyzer**. Somewhere in there, the long delayed **Disfigured Night** DVD finally made an appearance.

The Residents signed with **Mute Records** who agreed to release the Commercial Album CD with a special 25th Anniversary package and an imaginative DVD to go with it, **The Commercial DVD**.

But all did not go smoothly for DVD's. Long time friend and collaborator, **Jim Ludtke** died in March while working on the planned **Freak Show** DVD.

The fall of 2004 was primarily focused on the release of the Commercial Album CD and DVD, though another nicely packaged CD also slipped out, **I Murdered Mommy**.

And in December it became obvious that The Residents had been in the studio for much of 2004 recoding an ambitious new album, **Animal Lover**. As Brumalia rolled around again, your own BB obtained permission from Mute and The Cryptic Corp to show off some graphics and some musical bits.

And that got us to here.

BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW....

The easy ones: Animal Lover will be released in February. The Residents will play a few festivals in Australia in March. Mute will release a few more back catalog titles during the year.

The hard questions have no answers. The Residents are very closed mouth about what they plan to do after Australia. They have turned down a European tour for spring. That certain means that they have other plans, but what??? When asked, they just smile mischievously.



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