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**Random Portraits Of The Home Movie**

Who is Dave Einmo? On *Random Portraits Of The Home Movie*, the Sushirobo guitarist's solo venture, you won't find any easy answers. Einmo creates a pastiche of found sounds and kitchen-sink orchestration to soundtrack Super 8 movies filmed during his childhood. It may sound a bit like an art-school project, but academia and vanity are nowhere to be found. Seattle's music scene is the real star: Kinski drummer David Weeks' pummeling beats on "Words Of A Friend" and the sexy modern-rock groove of Graig Markel collaboration "A Dime And A Cigarette" are highlights from this diverse cast. "Noisy At The Circus," co-written and sung by 13-year-old Smoosh prodigy Asya, is the centerpiece: a moody, restless and carefree jam that chases you down. Einmo builds Sonic Youth guitar treatments upon Stereolab keyboards on top of Primal Scream-style vocal loops, which Producer Brian Deck delicately layers into clean, lucid pop songs. Einmo keeps each track on a leash, restrained from traipsing too far past the three-minute mark and into a land of indulgent nostalgia. Instead, *Random Portraits* is a well-edited scrapbook of retro-futurism. [\[Pattern 25, www.pattern25.com\]](http://www.pattern25.com)

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