



**DENGUE FEVER DELIVER WILDLY INFECTIOUS  
CANNIBAL COURTSHIP  
ON APRIL 19TH, 2011**

**To Herald their New Release, Los Angeles Based, Cambodian Psych-rock Band Will Kick-Off Their US Tour with a Record Release Party at the Troubadour, Los Angeles on Street Date**

For Immediate Release- On April 19, Dengue Fever, whose exotic blend of Cambodian rock, Afro grooves, surf, and garage psych returns with *Cannibal Courtship*, the group's first studio album since 2008's *Venus on Earth* and their Fantasy Records/Concord Music Group debut. With 11 new tunes, *Cannibal Courtship*, features songs sung in English, and Khmer (Cambodian). The album also features beautiful backing harmonies by The Living Sisters.

With *Cannibal Courtship*, the band has reached a powerful new plateau, deftly balancing the wide-ranging influences that inform their sound and songs. Longtime fans will get their required dose of Nimol's haunting vocals and the band's spooky, kinetic, mood-swinging sound on the new disc but the group, which produced the set together, has upped the creative ante. The band's eclecticism gels instantly on the slinky, spiky rock of "Cement Slippers," "Family Business," "2012" and "Cannibal Courtship." They display a deep pocket and soaring vocals on the Cambodian dub track "Uku," deliver bilingual, gear-shifting drive on "Only a Friend," and mesmerize on "Mr. Bubbles." *Cannibal Courtship* is, like the tropical malady that gave the band its name, wildly infectious.

"Before it was partly Cambodian and partly indie rock," explains Dengue Fever bassist Senon Gaius Williams of the band's evolution. "Now it's 100 percent both." Brothers Ethan (keyboards) and Zac (guitar) Holtzman started Dengue Fever in 2001. Once they added the saxophonist David Ralicke, drummer Paul Smith and bassist Senon Williams, they went looking for a Cambodian singer. Enter singer Chhom Nimol, who performed regularly for the King and Queen of Cambodia. Her powerful singing, marked by a luminous vibrato that adds exotic ornamentations to her vocal lines and hypnotic traditional dance, complimented the band's driving Cambodian/American sound.

Since their inception, the band's unique take on 60s Cambodian pop and American surf rock has garnered praise and attention from fans and critics alike. *True Blood* named an entire episode after one of their songs and featured the band's music throughout the show, *Spin* highlighted the band in their 'Breaking Out' section, and profiles on the group have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Magnet*, *Wired*, and NPR's "Fresh Air" and Radio Australia. Ray Davies from the Kinks called them "a cross between Led Zeppelin and Blondie."

With *Cannibal Courtship* ready to make new converts, Dengue Fever is prepared to hit the road hard in 2011, starting in the U.S. and then jetting off to Europe. Below is a list of US tour dates:

4/19	<b>Record Release Party</b> -- Troubadour Los Angeles, CA
4/20	The Fillmore San Francisco, CA
4/22	Dante's Portland, OR
4/23	The Biltmore Cabaret Vancouver, Canada
4/24	The Crocodile Seattle, WA
4/27	Moe's Alley Santa Cruz, CA
4/28	SoHo Santa Barbara, CA
4/29	The Casbah San Diego, CA
4/30	Detroit Bar Costa Mesa, CA
5/5	The Loft Dallas, TX
5/6	Emo's Austin, TX
5/7	Fitzgerald's Houston, TX

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### **ABOUT DENGUE FEVER**

Dengue Fever is Cambodian songstress Chhom Nimol, Zac Holtzman (guitar/vocals), Ethan Holtzman (keyboards), Senon Williams (bass), Paul Smith (drums) and David Ralicke (horns). They have released three albums, *Dengue Fever*, *Escape From Dragon House* *Venus On Earth* and the DVD/CD soundtrack to the band's documentary *Sleepwalking Through The Mekong*, in addition to a collection of lost Cambodian classics, *Dengue Fever Presents: Electric Cambodia*. Their debut release on Fantasy Records, a division of Concord Music Group is set for release on April 19, 2011. They are based in Los Angeles.