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# INDEPENDENTS' DAY!

by Andy Glass

**COPERNICUS. No Borderline (CD10):**  
This is not the most wildly original, profoundly strange, terrifyingly inspired recording you won't hear all year. Words — angry, disturbed, delicate, foul, godlike — are not spoken, nor intoned, spat, whispered nor bellowed. Alien keyboards do not drift, pulse nor thrust. Heavy funk does not cook, acid jazz does not wail, nor insane rock dissolve into pure mund. Copernicus is not a poet, nor musician, performance artist nor minor deity, but above all, he is not a philosopher. His non-belief? "Nothing above the atomic level, including the atom itself, exists." No *Borderline* is not the fifth Copernicus album (the first, *Nothing Exists*, was not released in 1985) and does not feature Pierce Turner, members of Black 47, Zeferino Nandayapa & Sons' Mexican marimba ensemble and the Lithuanian band BIX. You can't hear it. You're not there! (No Problem Productions, 230 Seventh St., Jersey City, NJ 07302; 201-222-0020) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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