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New Music Tuesday: Cultures collide as Monte Negro mixes their heritage with rock 'n roll

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The language sung on the band's album doubles, with English and Spanish trading places.

The Latin Alternative-rock band Monte Negro splits everything in two on their new EP.

They arranged the cuts in pairs, with arty, instrumental, intro pieces that sooner or later segue into firmer songs.

The language sung on the CD likewise doubles things, with English and Spanish trading places, sometimes within the same cut.

Cultures too collide, with the members bearing their Mexican backgrounds in the sound, while also displaying a fidelity to American-bred rock 'n roll.

That kind of back and forth should come as no surprise considering Monte Negro hail from L.A. but boast Mexican pedigrees.

Lead brothers Kinsky and Rodex Gallo first formed a group together in 2001, dubbed Anima, which the local press called "the Latino Red Hot Chili Peppers."

Anima ended in 2003, at which point the brothers formed another act with guitarist Jason Li Shing and drummer Xavier Lopez that, eventually, morphed into Monte Negro.

They made their 2007 indie debut with "Cicatrix," which sparked enough interest for a major label (Epic) to re-release it in '08. Now comes the new EP that features six new cuts, each of which gets fleshed out with as many instrumental, intro pieces.

Elements of new wave and alterna-rock dominate. The pointy bass jabs in "Pasajero" have the spiky allure of L.A.'s best '80s rock.

But you can also find passages of art-rock (especially in those instrumentals) as well as a flash of hip-hop/rock/reggae in "La Bomba," which suggests The Police gone ethnic.

Politics dot the lyrics, most obviously in "Immigrant's Lament." The band's super-catchy always melodies entice, greatly aided by Gallo's powerful and romantic vocals.

But an equally strong lure lies in Shing's lilting guitar motifs.

He often marries slinky, questioning six-string lines to crunchy riffs that anchor them.

The contrast, like all those that ripple through the group's music, makes Monte Negro an ideal Latin alterna-rock band - one that occupies an in-between world very much their own.

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




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