



## **Caravan of Thieves - The Funhouse (CD, United For Opportunity, Pop)**

New England's Caravan of Thieves began as the duo of Fuzz and Carrie Sangiovanni but soon became a quartet with the addition of violinist Ben Dean and bassist Brian Anderson. The first thing that folks will probably notice about The Funhouse is the absence of electric instruments. These folks write and record highly melodic folky pop with a slight gypsy-esque sound and in their musical universe you won't find electric guitars and synthesizers. That said, it's interesting how electronics aren't even missed here. These four individuals play with a confidence and zest that is instantly appealing and real. The playing is inspired and the vocals always right on target. We were very impressed that the band members only visually appear on one small section of the jacket standing next to a merry-go-round...and even those images are blurred. Fifty clever tracks here including "Live Forever," "Haunt Me," and "Shim Sham."

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