

# The Muffin Men - more than a tribute band



**The Muffin Men** take to Stage 2 @ The Forum this Saturday night (May 31st).

The Muffin Men perform their own arrangements of Zappa songs and instrumentals with precision, wit and conviction.

This tour also includes Jimmy Carl Black, original drummer and vocalist with The Mothers Of Invention, not only has he appeared on more than 15 of the original Zappa/Mother albums he also starred in the movie 200 Mothels with Ringo Starr and Keith Moon, played drums with Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band

and recorded countless albums around the States and Europe.

Having formed in 1990 to play a one off show to celebrate the 50th birthday of their favourite composer, the Muffin Men have gone on to play more than 400 shows in 10 countries. They have recorded 10 CDs and had 4 original members of the Mothers of Invention/Zappa bands in their line-up.

Although The Muffin Men were formed some years before the term tribute band was invented, they are unfortunately often placed in that category. Granted, the band do play tri-

bute to Frank Zappa, his music and his heritage, but take it further - adding their own edge to the whole. Don't expect a look-a-like-sound-a-like affair - expect fine musicians playing fine music. From complex rock to jazz styling, boogie blues to avant-garde, chamber music to silly doo-wop, the band take on anything - always with eyebrows raised - just how Frank would have wanted it.

Tickets on sale in advance priced €13.50 + booking fee from Next Door The Glen Off License, (051 87 11 33). Doors open at 8pm and admission includes access to late club 3.