

vn/a: (do the ostrich * 11) + others. richmond county archives 003 / sneaky flute empire 012. released june 10 2005. the ostrich (*struthio camelus*), finest of the ratites, is a bird steeped in romance and mystery. it is flightless, regal, and swift. a resident of the savannas, arid steppes, and semi-desert habitats of africa, this bird has captured the attention of scientists and other humans for thousands of years. thus, the continuing lure of the song 'the ostrich' (© 1964 the primitives a/k/a reed/philips/vance/sims) is not difficult to understand. while the song does contain some dubious descriptions of actual ostrich behavior, it remains a feast for the senses. the singer commands the listener to dance, jump, step on one's own head, free oneself from the shackles of society. the music, a pulsing wall of sound laced with the fervent cries of ostriches. the listener has no choice but to obey. in 2002, richmond county archives made an open request for versions of this fine song, and this work contains the fruits of this request. we hope that this modest compilation convinces you of the greatness of this song and the magnificence of the ostrich. contributor info: dildo (montreal, quebec) is wassili dudan (wdudan@look.ca) / defcon five (the elm city, ct) are moe, live mike, bret rules, and sean (winsor22@aol.com) / esotronica (melrose, ma) is mike mcquilkin (bowltastic@yahoo.com) / the tentacles (brooklyn, ny) are sam crees (samcrees@yahoo.com) and peter teraberry (pteraberry@hotmail.com) / simon murphy (london, england) is simon murphy (smnmrphy@ntlworld.com) / progress report (seattle, wa) are stefan gruber (yell@stefangruber.com), carl bicknell, t-dog, and jen kunitsugu / the lizzies (new haven, ct) are jessica brommelhof (brommelh@usc.edu), caroline harrington, and john butwell. recorded by john butwell at tigertown in naugatuck, ct / the mud and lace sedentary marchers (jersey city, nj) are dave seebaugh, adele swank, fred schneider, andy bernick (AB@rcarchives.com), and will bredbeck / daydream electric (jackson, mi) are j. myers, shawn wernette (daydreamelectric@yahoo.com), matt slugay, and stacie lawrence / the non alignment pact (naugatuck, ct) recorded this at tigertown in naugatuck, ct. see poopship211@yahoo.com / st. jude's infirmary (edinburgh, scotland) are ashley campbell, grant campbell, their cousin emma-jane, mark francis, and andrew dempster (www.saintjudesinfirmary.co.uk) / landon wong (boston, ma) is landon wong (landonwong@hotmail.com) / swirlies (boston, ma) were damon tutunjian, rob laakso, andy bernick, and ken bernard on this recording, more at <https://rcarchives.com/swirlies> / pronking is A B /artwork by A B and defcon sean / the ostrich on the cover, sent by sean, appeared in my mailbox without packaging--only stamps on the pedestal and my address on the attached yellow card. many thanks to the u.s. postal service for delivering this statuette safely. all songs are property of the artists. for further information: richmond county archives / <https://rcarchives.com> / AB@rcarchives.com /