



## ONEIDA

### *Rated O*

At the 10-year point in many bands' careers, their sound has been cemented and most new ideas are built off of that sole foundation. Brooklyn avant-rock trio **Oneida** takes a far different approach. Oneida's foundation is simply that

they *do* change from album to album, giving their music more of an obvious life, complete with breath and mood swings. *Rated O* flaunts this as well in the scope of a triple album (and second in Oneida's "Thank Your Parents" trilogy). This larger project leaves the trio room for whatever it is they feel like, which they exercise with the utmost anarchy. The sheer scope of something of this magnitude also must come into question; is a triple album necessary? The answer is a definite yes.

Take opener "Brownout in Logos," with its simple club beats honing a single idea, letting the distortion weave and wave and transform into something completely (and thankfully) undanceable. The garage-psych of both "Story of O" and "The River" (the latter bearing a striking resemblance to the title track of the aforementioned *Each One Teach One*) lie low underneath the drug smoke to bite one's ankles and steal the

snacks strewn about. The memorable organ riff of "I Was a Wall" harkens back to an innocence remembered by an older generation making it refreshing and exciting for the younger crowd.

The overall danger and recklessness of *Rated O* (and breadth of the triple album format) deserves a listen from those unfamiliar or unsatisfied with their canon thus far. Longtime listeners will be pleased to know that the guts and skeletons

of **Oneida** are still present, even more so than ever. Fresh ears to the group will find something to their liking due to the varying sounds and ideas played with all with the utmost confidence and bravado. With confidence and strut, they will continue to baffle listeners while exalting the freedom that music actually holds. [LR]

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