

the improvBloc series, #2 / BSIM0002  
recording date: **Fall 2017**  
running time: **1:46:33**

artist: **ELI & THE MANNINGS**  
title: **Magical Cookies**









## ***“IT’S AN EIGHT DOLLAR SHIT-OFF-A-CLIFF BLUES”***

Eli & The Mannings (or EATM) is a freeform improvisational musical collective that is in no way affiliated, legally or otherwise, with its patron saint, the Honorable Elisha Nelson Manning. EATM is a gang of chill weirdos—some experienced musicians, some not—who convene a couple of times a year to blend experimentation with absurdity and arrive at a sound that is often strange, sometimes beautiful, and consistently unpredictable.

Listening to an Eli & The Mannings album requires a complete detachment from expectation and an open-minded surrender to the magic of live improvisation. Transitioning effortlessly across genres between (and sometimes during) songs, EATM explores elements of hip hop, rock, jazz, blues, soul, folk, pop, country, latin, spoken word, comedy, and other forms to create truly original, one-of-a-kind recordings.

Recorded live over a Fall 2017 weekend at Pleasant View Studios in Hillsdale, New York, *Magical Cookies* is the twelfth album of 100% improvised music that EATM has recorded since their formation in 2012. Personnel over these sessions was fluid and at times interchangeable. Edited and sequenced by Old Yist for this special blocSonic release, it represents the most concise distillation to date of the EATM experience.

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## ***SESSION PERSONNEL***

**Method Manning:** Keyboards, sampler, drums, vocals, glockenspiel

**Barry Manninglow:** Guitar, bass, catatonia

**Verby Mancock:** Vocals

**Old Yist:** Vocals, guitar, bass, glockenspiel, hand drums

**Menant:** Guitar, bass, sausage gravy

**MC Don Phatness:** Vocals, violin

**Yak Muke:** Cajon, bass, vocals

**Nicolo Toscani:** Vocals, glockenspiel, baked goods

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***RECORDED AT***

Pleasant View Studios, Hillsdale, New York, 2017

***SESSIONS ENGINEERED BY***

Method Manning

***EDITED & SEQUENCED BY***

Old Yist

***EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY***

Mike Foam

**Liner Notes by** Shred Kaczynski

**Cover and interior photos by** Bob Fitzsimmons

**Method Manning appears courtesy of** Headsnack Music

**Old Yist appears courtesy of** Brattleboro Retreat

**Verby Mancock appears courtesy of** your moms

**Your moms appears courtesy of** her Mahjong club

**Courtesy courtesy of** The Boys

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- 1 **INTRO** :58
- 2 **BACK UP OFF THE MIC** 1:44
- 3 **WORK FRIDGE** 2:56
- 4 **COME TO MY ISLAND** 2:12
- 5 **ELEVEN YEARS** 1:58
- 6 **MANIFESTO (WE ARE HERE)** 3:19
- 7 **NEW JUNK** 2:50
- 8 **HALF COOKIE INTERLUDE** 1:48
- 9 **MOVE THOSE CHAINS** 4:39
- 10 **OLD YIST IS IN TOWN** 1:21
- 11 **I'M A WEIRDO** 3:49
- 12 **KING MOOSE JUICE MATTY H** 3:35
- 13 **BEND THE KNEE (INTERLUDE)** 1:07
- 14 **DESCENT** 3:33
- 15 **HALFTIME COMMERCIAL** :22
- 16 **HE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH** 2:06
- 17 **GAMESHOW RE-HUMP** 5:27

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- 18 **SOFT FOOT (BSB)** 3:56
- 19 **GLIBBERLISCH** 5:53
- 20 **TODD IN DREAMLAND** 5:17
- 21 **HOLD IT IN YOUR HAND** 3:46
- 22 **EIGHT DOLLARS** 3:14
- 23 **PUNCHED IN THE BALLS** 3:09
- 24 **UP IN YOUR DISCUSSION** 1:43
- 25 **SON OF A GLITCH** 1:01
- 26 **123456** 3:37
- 27 **SHAME** 3:02
- 28 **REDHEADED GIRL** 4:55
- 29 **CITY RAT, COUNTRY RAT** 5:02
- 30 **THE ELIS ARE BACK** :30
- 31 **SO LONELY (HEARTBREAK)** 5:37
- 32 **WEINSTEIN LOVES MOMS** 4:50
- 33 **SMELL THE WOOD** 6:59

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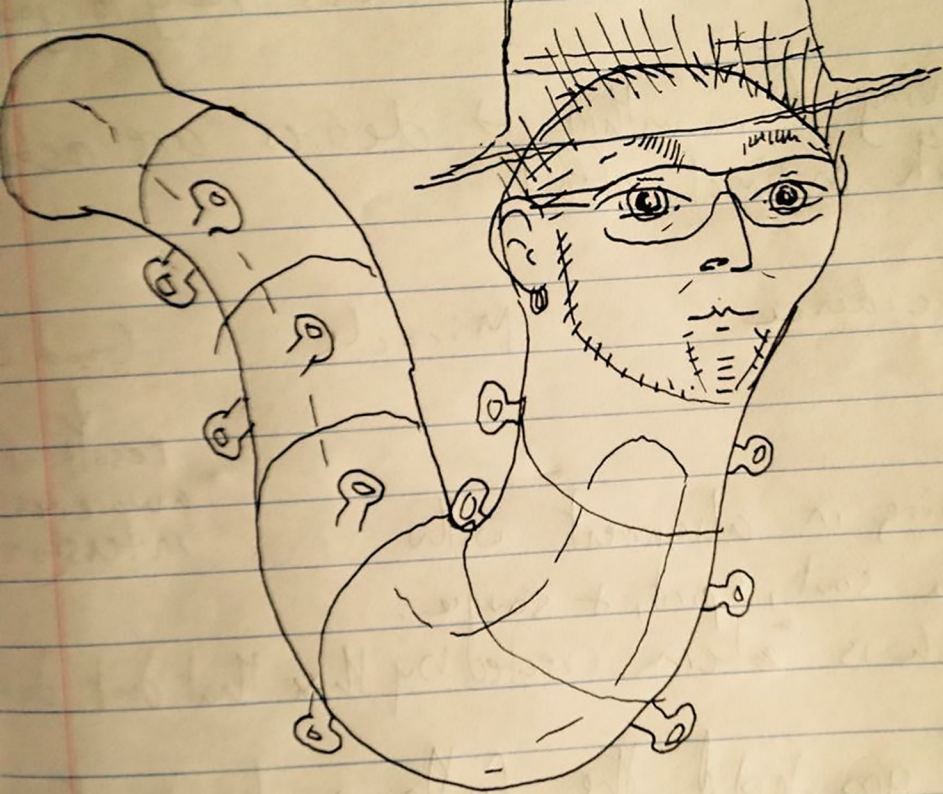


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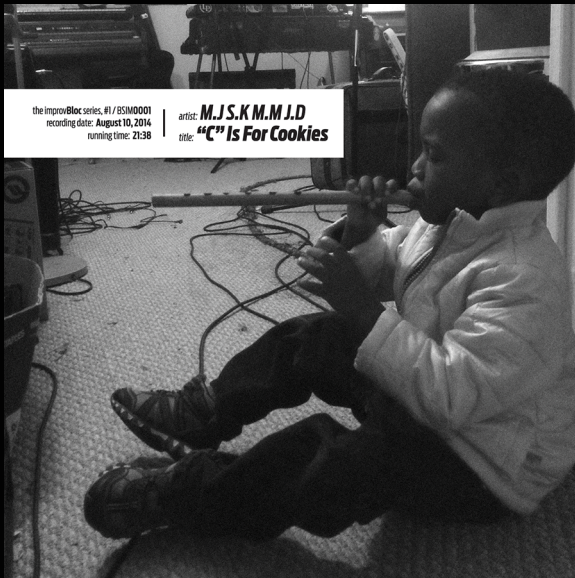
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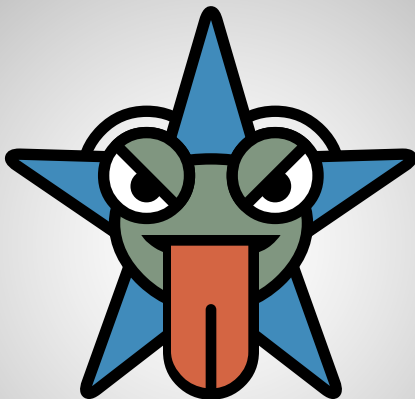








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