

'Industrial Fist'

Seth Price

With scores of obscure post-punk reissues flooding stores, it seems likely that its successors — industrial, new beat, electronic beat music — will be swept up next in the march of nostalgia and archival interest. Seth Price's compilation "Industrial Fist" (Free103point9) paves the way with a mix of hard-clanging electro-funk from the mid-1980's (most of it from the Wax Trax and Nettwerk labels). The music of Front 242, the Revolting Cocks, Controlled Bleeding and Skinny Puppy pounds with venom, assuming its rightful place in white-person dance history as the chronological bridge between post-punk and techno.

Like Mr. Price's other compilations — one of new jack swing, one of video-game music — "Industrial Fist" is short on liner notes, song titles and explanatory information but long on musical intelligence. It's available at www.free103point9.org.