

= Move Like This =

Move Like This is the seventh , and , to date , final studio album by American rock band The Cars , released on May 10 , 2011 . The album is their first since 1987 's Door to Door and features all of the original band members except for bassist and vocalist Benjamin Orr , who died of pancreatic cancer in 2000 . The album reached the top ten of the Billboard 200 and peaked at number 2 on the Billboard Top Rock Albums chart ; a single from the album , " Sad Song " , reached number 33 on the Billboard Rock Songs chart . Following the release of the album , the band launched an eleven @-@ city tour of North America .

= = Background = =

Move Like This is the first reunion of The Cars to feature original lead singer , songwriter , rhythm guitarist , and co @-@ producer Ric Ocasek since their 1988 split . In 1997 , Ocasek told a journalist that the band would never reunite : " I'm saying never and you can count on that . " A partial reunion of the band occurred in 2005 when keyboardist Greg Hawkes and lead guitarist Elliot Easton toured with singer Todd Rundgren , drummer Prairie Prince and bassist Kasim Sulton as " The New Cars " ; neither Ocasek nor Cars drummer David Robinson participated , and the Rundgren lineup split following two years of touring .

According to Paste magazine , Ocasek said that he was " amazed at how we clicked when we got back together . " Exclaim ! has noted that The Cars ' Facebook page featured a picture of producer Jacknife Lee , " which suggests that he will be producing the new album . " According to Rolling Stone , Lee produced five of the songs from the album ; The Cars themselves produced the others .

The Cars did not add a new bassist to the lineup to replace Orr ; instead , the album 's bass parts were programmed or performed by Hawkes and Lee , with Hawkes playing a bass once owned by Orr . While Ocasek and Orr split vocal duties on past albums , Ocasek sings lead on all the tracks from Move Like This . In a Rolling Stone interview , Ocasek said , " I was aware that on half of the new songs , Ben would have done better than I did . But we never wanted anybody from the outside . " Orr was given special thanks in the liner notes : " Ben , your spirit was with us on this one . "

According to Billboard , the album was recorded in engineer Paul Orofino 's studio in Millbrook , New York . Additional recording sessions were held in Los Angeles . The title of the album comes from a line in the song " Too Late " ; one of the working titles for the album was Sharp Subtle Flavor . Ocasek decided to title the album Move Like This as a reference to the band 's reputation for not moving around very much onstage .

= = Release and reception = =

In October 2010 , the band released a one @-@ minute clip of " Sad Song " and a 73 @-@ second sample of another track from the album , " Blue Tip " , on their Facebook page ; a snippet from a third track , " Free " , was later posted on the band 's page . FMOQB described " Free " as a " return to the classic Cars sound that fans know and love . "

On February 17 , 2011 , the band posted the full video for " Blue Tip " on their Facebook page . The first single , released in March , was the track " Sad Song " . Exclaim ! magazine comments that " [d] espite the title and lyrics , it doesn 't sound particularly sad , as it contains a cheery beat and a catchy mix of synths and guitars . "

Move Like This was released on May 10 , 2011 , and debuted at # 7 on the Billboard 200 albums chart . The album received generally positive reviews from critics : in a three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half star review , Rolling Stone praised the " skillful restraint " of the band and Lee 's production work , describing the album as " taut , sleek , seamless , [and] efficient " . The A.V. Club awarded the album a " B " rating , praising the " catchy " " Blue Tip " and " Sad Song " , and noting the latter song 's similarity to " My Best Friend 's Girl " from the band 's 1978 debut . Allmusic reviewer Stephen Thomas Erlewine rated the album four out of five stars , describing the album as " as bright , infectious , and tuneful as the Cars at their prime . " Spin , however , granted the album a 5 out of 10

rating , criticizing the " clunkiness " of Ocasek 's lyrics . NPR 's Elizabeth Nelson called Move Like This a " fine new album " and singled out " Blue Tip " as " an incandescent pop gem " with a " brilliant " musical structure and " an absolutely relentless sing @-@ along chorus " .

= = North American tour = =

In April 2011 , the band announced a North American tour to support the album . The eleven @-@ city tour began May 10 in Seattle and concluded May 26 at the House of Blues in Boston . The performances and set lists were met with mixed reviews : Hollywood Reporter reviewer Erik Pedersen found Move Like This to be a " surprisingly good " album but described the May 12 Hollywood Palladium show as " icy " and unenthusiastic . San Jose Mercury News reviewer Jim Harrington described the band 's performance at Oakland 's Fox Theater as " incredibly flat and dispassionate " , but praised the band 's " solid " musicianship .

Songs performed on the tour include Move Like This tracks " Blue Tip " , " Keep on Knocking " , " Sad Song " , " Free " , " Drag on Forever " and " Hits Me " , as well as material from the band 's 1970s and 1980s albums . On the tour , Orr 's bass parts were performed by Hawkes on keyboard and bass ; the vocals on songs originally sung by Orr (" Just What I Needed " , " Let 's Go " and " Moving in Stereo ") were performed by Ocasek .

= = Track listing = =

All songs written and composed by Ric Ocasek , except where noted .

= = = Best Buy edition = = =

This enhanced CD also has videos for " Sad Song " and " Blue Tip " . " Rocket USA " is a cover of a 1977 song by the American band Suicide , from their self @-@ titled debut .

= = = iTunes edition = = =

= = Personnel = =

= = Chart performance = =