



## RED HOT SISTER ACT: THE PIERCES

The Pierces (sisters Allison and Catherine) are native Southerners, but they look like *Cosmo* gals, not country singers. Still, people see them onstage with acoustic instruments and sounding just a little twangy and—hell, ain't that country? "It's funny," says Allison. "People, for the last couple of records, they say we sounded country. But this record is very different."

*Thirteen Tales of Love and Revenge*, the Pierces' debut for Lizard King Records, blends Southern gothic and NYC bohemian into a poppy, sometimes creepy, sorta rustic, always intoxicating brew. The sisters distill their unique upbringing (raised by cultured, erudite parents in Alabama) and life experiences into songs that sound like Faulkner channeled by the kids in *Village of the Damned* (if those kids also had access to satellite radio...or a subscription to *Harp*). Definitely ain't country. RANDY HARWARD