

NEW PICK OF THE PACK NEW



Out Now

BROADWAY CALLS - [ADELINE]

I love a good surprise, and the surprise with this one is simply, why aren't these guys massive? This album was originally released on State Of Mind mid 2007, and has recently been picked up by Adeline Records (who know a thing or two about great pop-punk). This one is exactly how I like my pop-punk, and when I say that term, I don't mean the cheesy over the top mainstream stuff, nor do I mean the underground / gritty stuff. Broadway Calls are the perfect balance of the two, it will appeal to many, but it holds it's own, they don't sound like they've set out to make radio singles, just a solid selection of tunes one after the other. They aren't ripping anyone off, sure they aren't really treading new ground either, but they have that "thing" where you just know you are hearing something special. For a debut album the quality is leaps and bounds above what you'd usually expect. The vocals are the furthest thing from annoying, which is usually the downfall of pop-punk outfits, then throw in the fact that no song is a dud, this album is quality through and through. If these guys can pull the sound off live, you'll be hearing a whole lot more from them in the future I can guarantee it.



[WEBSITE] [MYSpace] - Available On Import -
Buy Online from Artist Direct [\$13.99US]



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POLAR BEAR CLUB - SOMETIMES THINGS JUST DISAPPEAR [RED LEADER]

This band has their sound sluttin' around a few of punk rock's pigeonholes, which makes for a nice mixed listen, and very few moments of disinterest. For fans of Hot Water Music, Against Me!, Kid Dynamite and Crime In Stereo. They offer moments of gritty rock with that whole gravelly yet melodic vocal thing while also a few moments of just flat out melodic punk rock and all that comes in between. There is plenty of highlights scattered through the album, and if you give it a few runs you start to discover more and more memorable bits, like a fine wine, it only gets better with age. It's safe to say that once the word of mouth spreads about these guys they will be a favourite new discovery for many. You won't be wasting your time checking this album out.



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NEW FIRST LOOK NEW



Out 19th April

CLOSURE IN MOSCOW - THE PENANCE & THE PATIENCE [TAPERJEAN]

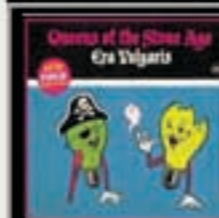
If you are into the current wave of bands with the whole high pitched vocals happening over tight, but choppy sounds that bounce around all over the place, then these guys are for you. Young and relatively new to the scene, you can tell the band has thrown everything they have into this release, the production and package is all of a high quality, but very Americanized. This kind of sound is currently booming in the US, with every second band seemingly having a shot at it, so it would've been nice to hear a bit of an Aussie flavour to it, to make it sound different from their influences. The songs are long, and I guess you could call it 'arty' in a way. Though I'm a man of simple tastes, so it all drags on a bit too much, and this style of vocal rarely appeals to me. You can tell they've worked hard on it, and the sounds are good for what it is, I just find this whole sound overall really hard to get into. Give it a go though, if bands like Circa Survive can be as interesting as these guys might be.

APRIL

- 4 - H.I.M - Digital Versatile Doom [Live DVD]
- 7 - Bad Religion - New Maps Of Hell [Deluxe Edition]
- 7 - The Breeders - Mountain Battles
- 7 - Nine Inch Nails - Ghosts I-IV
- 11 - COG - Sharing Space
- 14 - Foo Fighters - Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace [Tour Edition] [Pre-Order]
- 14 - Thrice - The Alchemy Index Vol III & IV
- 19 - Flight Of The Conchords - Flight Of The Conchords
- 19 - Story Of The Year - The Black Swan
- 25 - Shihad - Beautiful Machine
- 25 - Portishead - Third

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QUICKIES

**QOTSA - EVA VULGARIS [TOUR EDITION]**

If you don't already have the popular album, then now is the time to pick it up as with the full album you also get a bonus live cd for your troubles in a nicely packaged digi-pack to coincide with their Australian tour, 9 live cuts, the good thing being that it's not just the big singles, so fans get a little more than the same old same old tracks. Pick it up then catch them live this month.

[WEBSITE] - Out Now Through Universal

**JIM WARD - QUIET**

You saw him on Soundwave, now you can pick up his works, Sparta's Jim Ward, solo, and quiet. 5 acoustic based, chilled out tunes, the kind of tunes you like to keep on hand for those moments where it just 'works'. There's some nice sing-along moments, as well as some moments where you just take it in. Always a sign of a great songwriter when you can strip things right back and keep your attention. Well worth a look.

[WEBSITE] - Out Now Through Below Par

**DAN MANGAN - POSTCARDS & DAYDREAMING**

Hailing from Canada this 23year old is currently on tour around the country to promote this latest album. Loaded with acoustic folk rock goodness, it grabs your attention right away, every song tells a story, paints a picture and is perfect for a quiet afternoon listen. It's the vocals that really stand out, one minute they can be smooth and the next