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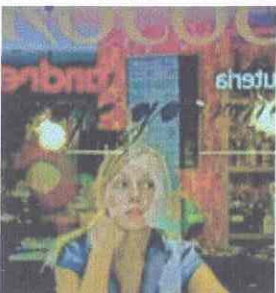
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by PETE CHARLES

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*"The chorus of opener 'Call It Off' is so good that they could repeat it twelve times at the end of the song and it should have festival goers everywhere destroying their vocal chords over it this summer."*

1994 was memorable for two events in American rock music: the deep wound inflicted on the public consciousness by the death of Kurt Cobain, and the arrival of its sticking plaster, Green Day's 'Dookie' album. It's fair to say that few punk pop records since have matched it, not even anything Bille Joe Armstrong has penned, and it appears that the ageless frontman has decided that if he himself can't top it, the only decent thing to do is to find a band that can. Enter Oregon's Broadway Calls.

Armstrong's endorsement of the band extended to signing them to the label he co-owns, Adeline Records, and on 2nd June, they are due to release their astonishingly good self-titled debut album. Fresh and melodic, it's the soundtrack to

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The chorus of opener 'Call It Off' is so good that they could repeat it twelve times at the end of the song and it should have festival-goers everywhere destroying their vocal chords over it this summer. 'Back To Oregon' is the story of being on tour, having the time of your life but never forgetting your roots or the girl you'd move mountains to some day get back to. Or take the largely acoustic 'Save Our Ship' which tells of the fear of everything they've worked hard for being destroyed by a cruel twist of fate, and reminds us not to take for granted the people we hold most dear.

With big choruses and arrangements that give maximum effect to the songs, they sound like a younger, shoutier Jimmy Eat World (minus the teary ballads), though the influences listed on their Myspace page shun the big names in favour of more obscure punk groups who've helped them on their way; the mark of a band that won't forget where it comes from.

There are also murmurs of a healthy political conscience in 'Escape From Capitol Hill' and 'Suffer, The Kids', the latter a damning attack on the people we put in charge of the world that will point the finger at everyone but themselves. Guitarist/vocalist Ty Vaughn sings: "This place is suffering at our hands / We've got narrow minds and fat waistbands / We've got a war on terror, a war on drugs / A war on women and a war on love."

So what better credentials could a punk rock band have than to write gloriously catchy

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tunes with woah-oh bits and lyrics that unite everyone who believes not only in love and friendship but in challenging authority and sticking two fingers up to the people who can't see further than the pages of a Bible or a bullshit constitution? A mammoth North American tour keeps the band on the other side of the pond till mid August, but don't bet against them being one of the hidden gems of this summer's festivals. A very special find.

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