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Looking for good music? Check these out

The Bird & The Bee

Interpreting the Masters

Volume 1

A Tribute to Daryl Hall

& John Oates

(blue note)

I might lean a bit towards the subjective side here because anyone that knows me knows that I love the heck out of some Hall and Oates.

The Bird & The Bee, a modern, sexy alt jazzy combo are a perfect duo to twist up these classic tunes. Made up of former Geggy Tah member, Greg Kurstin and the ultra catlike vocalist Inara George, The Bird & The Bee pulls off a sweet, hush synth pop collection of tunes from the greatest music duo of all time.

They serve up “She’s Gone,” “I Can’t Go For That” and even “Maneater” with a guest visit from Garbage’s Shirley Manson. The tunes are pretty much straightforward and true to form, but they include some tasty seasoning from The Bird & The Bee’s spice rack.

This is a great record for that hangout session with late night friends when lights become less important. (Do yourself a favor and pick up The Bird & The Bee’s self-titled debut record, too. Double the pleasure).

MGMT

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One thing's for sure, MGMT will surely find out who their real fans are after the release of *Congratulations*.

Unlike the breakthrough *Oracular Spectacular*, *Congrats* doesn't seem to have that crafty weirdness with commercial potential. There's nothing wrong with that. There's no dance floor bangers like "Kids" or electronic, bohemian pop genius like "Time to Pretend."

There is a heavy '60s, hippy surf feel to this new record. I feel a lot of Marc Bolan/T-Rex at times. The Bowie thing is still there, too. It's drugs. It's out there and really, really cool. Look out for "It's Working," the title track, and the (haa) single (haaa) "Flash Delirium." Sorry for laughing, it's just funny to hear this tune and think the label was expecting radio to play it. Radio isn't cool enough to play this tune. It's bananas and brilliant. The whole record is.

I love the fact that they probably made the record they wanted to make. Not the "strong" follow-up the label and fair-weathered fans probably wanted. Too bad for them. *Congratulations* is a great record.

Marion Grace

Lying Down Looking Up

(local release)

One local band that has made a major impact quick with their debut release is Marion Grace.

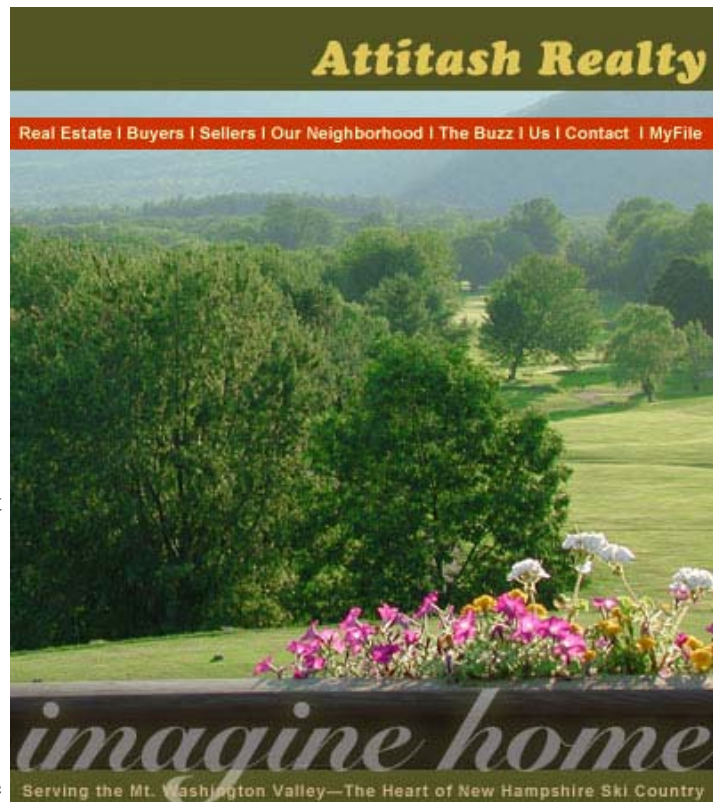
Lying Down Looking Up is a solid record of intense sounds and warm songs. Frontman Ralph Graceffa has a unique voice that will soon enough become a local favorite.

He writes some great lyrics too. Check out "42 Cents." I also like "Wasted" and "Walking With You" Bluesy, rootsy, simple; *Lying Down* is a big first statement from Marion Grace. In a local world with so many great "adult rock" bands like Gypsy Tailwind, Eric Bettencourt and Pete Kilpatrick, Marion Grace have a passionate sound that will stand out on its own, and people will take notice.

Spouse

Confidence

(local/pigeon/nine mile rec.)



There's some great locals that we speak of with big respect and probably consider to be local top dogs, whatever that means.

Jose Ayerve deserves to start receiving some of that love especially when you talk about his band Spouse who have just released their sixth record, Confidence. Spouse is an intelligent indie pop rock outfit that we don't see enough of in Portland.

Luckily for me, they seem always to drop a new record when I start to yawn a little bit walking up and down Congress Street. The great thing about Spouse is they always bring the songs. They write great, understandable pop rock songs. They don't hide behind some hipster curtain. Check out "No Sudden Moves," one of the top local tunes of the year.

If you don't realize yet, Spouse is one of best local bands in Portland and a wonderful pleasure to slide into the "s" section of my local music collection every couple of years.

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