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Album Review: Girl's Album

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GIRLS
ALBUM

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We have all asked the question at one point in our life. What would happen if Elvis Costello sang lead vocals in the Beach Boy's opus Pet Sounds? Well, thanks to newly formed band Girls, we finally have that answer.

The driving force behind the Beach Boys, Brian Wilson, found himself at odds

with serious hearing loss when he was a child and so he was at a disadvantage from the start of his musical career. But Christopher Owens, the Elvis Costello sound-alike and lead singer of Girls, might just have a leg up in the trials and tribulations area of musical success. Christopher Owens was born into the Children of God cult. His older brother died due to the cult's lack of belief in medical attention. Owen's father left him and his mother alone with a cult that began to force Owen's mother to prostitute herself in order to gain new converts.

Owens fled from the group and lived in the gutters of Texas for a lengthy time until a local millionaire picked him up and helped him get his musical career started. Owens moved to San Francisco and met Chet "JR" White, and the

two formed Girls and recorded Album under the influence of an excessive amount of drugs.

What makes Girls so groundbreaking is the sincerity of the music. There is no doubt in my mind that Owens means every word he sings (or croons, rather). His lyrics are very poppy and most of them focus on relationships and heartbreak, but the sadness behind his wavery voice is real. It almost seems as if he is struggling to get through the song because of this imminent wave of depression. In "Hellhole Ratrice" he sings, "I'm sick and tired of the way that I feel. I'm always dreaming and it's never for real." It is the anthem of a broken man.

It seems as if a certain person is being targeted in Album taking into account two of the song titles are "Laura" and "Lauren Marie," the earliest of the two featuring lyrics that sound both light and dark: "Reach out and touch me, I'm right here. And I don't want to fight anymore. I really want to be your friend forever. Friend until the end of it all." Album needs to be listened to over and over again in order to grasp every nuance of the musical genius of which you have made yourself a consumer. Album also tends to transcend genres, jumping from power pop ("Lust for Life") to acoustic ("God Damned") to distinct traces of noise rock ("Morning Light") all coalescing into what could be the most important album of 2009. Just remember, you heard it here first.

Horoscopes

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Aries

Venus glides into Libra this week, which is perfect for negotiation and romance. If there have been any issues, this is the time to talk them over. Mars moves into your love affairs zone and into the sign of Leo, which brings you an opportunity to tap into your creative power. If you feel moved to let those creative juices flow, go with it.

Taurus

An aspect with Saturn on Monday makes this a very constructive day in which you will be able to knuckle down and get a lot of things done. Jupiter will also turn direct in your career zone, so if you feel you have been working hard and aren't seeing any results yet, you will soon.

Gemini

If you have written a book or been busy contacting publishers with your ideas, you should hear some good news soon enough. Travelling will also be fun as Jupiter turns direct. Venus will move into your love affairs zone on Wednesday, making this a very romantic time.

Cancer

Lucky Jupiter turns direct in Aquarius and your money zone this week. All your hard work should pay off as your savings and investments bring a greater return your way. It is also a much better time to request a loan or mortgage. Venus moves into Libra, so if you feel your place needs some brightening up, use this chance to let your imagination out to play.

Leo

There may be a temporary cash flow crisis on Tuesday, but it really is minor so don't worry. Plan ahead for this and have some spare money with you, just in case. Venus then moves into Libra on Wednesday, encouraging you to reach out and connect with friends and family. If you have had issues with anyone, now is the time to negotiate.

Virgo

Jupiter turns direct on Monday, which is good news if you have been hoping for some positive changes at work. Any symptoms that have troubled you will soon be resolved. As Venus moves into your personal financial zone on Wednesday, you may want to splash out on a few luxury items. Enjoy!

Libra

People around you appreciate your point of view and

love the way you handle your issues. Jupiter turns direct in your love affairs zone, which is perfect for

budding love relationships. If you feel that your luck in this area had deserted you, all of that is about to change.

Scorpio

Venus squares Pluto on Thursday, so you may have some very passionate ideas about a certain love relationship. If you find yourself getting obsessed, this might be something you want to nip in the bud as it could turn out to be your downfall in the long-term.

Sagittarius

Monday and Tuesday may bring the chance of a lucrative deal. Venus then moves into Libra, which is excellent for networking and generally enjoying life. You may find that you pick up more business by mixing and mingling and generally having a laugh, than you will by working flat out at the office.

Capricorn

Try not to be too manipulative on Thursday when Venus squares Pluto. Be willing to consider other points of view if you want to be successful. Jupiter turns direct in your personal financial zone, which means you are about to reap a handsome reward for all your work. Make money with an Internet business if this appeals to you.

Aquarius

Jupiter will turn direct in your sign this week, which will bring more opportunities and lucky accidents your way. Watch out for those coincidences that may lead to an interesting opportunity. Mars moves into your opposite sign of Leo on Friday, which is going to stir up relation issues. If there are any problems that have been pushed to one side, they are going to come out into the open, and this will be your chance to clear the air.

Pisces

Venus moves into Libra on Wednesday, so it's time for you to balance your accounts and ask your bank manager for a loan or additional overdraft protection. You may be lucky. Jupiter turns direct in your spiritual zone, which may put you more deeply in touch with your intuition and sixth sense. Mars moves into your health zone on Friday, and this extra burst of energy may encourage you to get started on that diet or to begin exercising once again

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Gossip Girl: Celeb Recap

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Two times is a charm, or at least that's true for Stephanie Pratt. Stephanie, Spencer's little sister and The Hills reality star, had another run in with the law. According to Star Magazine, Stephanie was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving in Hollywood and charged with a misdemeanor. The socialite was released on \$5,000 bail. Just before the alleged incident, Stephanie was last seen at Holly Montag's, sister of Heidi, birthday party at an L.A. nightclub. Stephanie's first incident occurred in 2006, when she was arrested for shoplifting at a Neiman Marcus in Hawaii.

Get your fix. Drama & Kate Plus 8 may be coming to an end soon. After renaming the series to Kate Plus 8 just a few weeks ago, reports are circulating that the lucrative reality series will no longer air unless Jon continues to allow his children to be filmed; Jon apparently had an epiphany about filming and the

unhealthy effects it may have on his children. According to Star Magazine, TLC producers will release enough footage to air another month.

A Disney princess in the city! Looks like Carrie Bradshaw will not be the only princess this time around. Reportedly, the Hannah Montana starlet and tween queen, Miley Cyrus, will make a cameo in the Sex and the City sequel. In the widely discussed role, Cyrus will play herself and have a fashion showdown with Kim Cattrall's character, Samantha Jones. The movie will hit theaters next summer.

VI VI Vroom. America is patiently waiting for the arrival of Britain's Got Talent runner-up Susan Boyle's album. But, before it hits the racks, the album's sexy cover is the buzz in Hollywood. With a mixture of a new appearance and the debut of her first album, Boyle will soon make groundbreaking waves across the nation.

Prim Silhouette: Tights WITH Personality!

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Sheer with personality—and always fashionable, that is how "us" fashionistas like it. Whether 80s-inspired, or 60s flare, everyone is fallen for the patterned tights. On the runway, brilliant designers have pushed the oh-so-stylish leggings to mainstream. Chanel has even made their mark on the trendy accessory. Famed classic patterns are checkerboard, stripes, diamonds, and spots. Sporty patterns are embellished pieces, hearts, zigzags, and sequence. For a sexy-seductive look, tights come in exotic animal prints, or add a 50s-enthused seam or seamless statement. The elaborate designs make any outfit a classic ensemble.

The patterned legwear works well with minis and all black get-ups. For an edgy appeal, opaque tights work well with ripped skinny jeans and oh-so-fabulous booties. You can even match your legwear with your eyewear. Tights are offered in various colors, styles, and textures such as cotton, wool, semi-sheer, and nylon to name a few.

Off the runway, we are spotting numerous celebrities working this ultra trend at various movie premieres, fashion shows, and even incorporating the patterned hosiery in their everyday life. For frugalistas the decorative tights can range from \$8-\$20. For fashionistas, where money is no option, the modish tights can range from \$30-\$44. The fashionable opaque is available at major department stores and local business.



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