

Mp3 Midlake - Bamnan And Slivercork

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Rock band based out of Denton, TX. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: Emo, ROCK: Psychedelic Details: Midlake released their debut album 'Bamnan and Slivercork' on 14th June 2004 on Bella Union. Asked to describe Midlake's sound, singer Tim Smith says it's a little more keyboards and a little less electric guitar; not too rowdy, but not too soft; a tinge of melancholy but hopeful. Guitarist Eric Pulido adds, we usually give some bogus answer followed by a hesitant reply, rock? Difficult to pigeonhole, Midlake have crafted a stunning album that combines bittersweet psychedelic melodies with inspired electronica and warm acoustic sounds, drawing comparisons with the likes of The Flaming Lips and Grandaddy. Midlake formed in the small, quirky Texas town of Denton, home to fellow Bella Union signings Explosions In The Sky and Lift To Experience. Five highly talented musicians from the North Texas School of Music have come together to create a unique sound, tapping into an arsenal of technical skill and unbridled creativity. In 2001, their self released EP, 'Milkmaid Grand Army' sold over 1,000 copies based on the strength of their live shows alone. Midlake then retreated home to begin work on their next musical venture. Soon enough, Simon Raymonde stumbled upon a copy of this work in progress and fell deeply in love with the band, signing them to his label, Bella Union Records. The band continued to work day and night to create what would become their debut album. They recorded and mixed at their home in Denton, and mastered at Abbey Road Studios in London. The result is an album of incredible vision, talent, dedication and eccentricity: 'Bamnan and Slivercork'. Midlake were soon invited to play the European festivals - they wooed the masses at the Les Inrockuptibles Festival in France and impassioned crowds at the Wintercase Festival in Spain. The anticipation for the release of 'Bamnan and Slivercork' grew and grew, and the band continued to overwhelm crowds with their original sound: a delicious psych-pop tone combined with emotional complexity and textural innovation, uplifting and melancholy, invigorating and calming. Midlake has recently returned from yet another successful tour in Europe where they played over 20 shows including the special musical guest for the Stereo Sounds Skateboarding Party in London, England, hosted by actor and skateboarding legend Jason Lee (Mallrats, Chasing Amy, Dogma, Almost Famous, Vanilla Sky, etc.). Jason has joined forces with Midlake as a huge supporter, promoter, and

collaborator, directing and filming a video for their forthcoming single, 'Balloon Maker'. The video was filmed with the band in their hometown of Denton, Texas with Jason and his production company, Niva Films. The video, along with a live performance by Midlake, was recently premiered at a party for the grand opening of Swedish clothing company, WE Clothing's, first American store. The show, in conjunction with a fashion show and party, was held on the rooftop of the beautiful Standard Hotel in downtown LA. Along with host and Midlake ally Jason Lee being on hand for the event, other attendees included Beck, Peter Stormare (Fargo, The Big Lebowski, Armageddon, etc.), Stereo Skateboard's Chris Pastras, and many more Midlake fans, WE activists and affiliates. The show and video were received with an overflow of wonderful reviews. The video and single will formally release in January of 2005. Midlake will return to Europe then to support the release and continue to further the momentum and popularity that has rapidly been growing. Midlake is Coming

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