

the Smittens

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About: The Smittens are a five-piece indiepop band from Burlington, Vermont and like to think of themselves as a DIY twee pop explosion. Max Andrucki, Colin Clary, Dana Kaplan, Holly Chagnon, and David Zacharis, with help from the talented Emily Hilliard, switch up instruments, song-writing, and singing to create brilliantly lyrical and hyper-catchy pop songs of all colors, shapes and sizes. Formed on a whim at a party in 2002 by a group of popkids who wanted to make for their friends the kind of music they love, the Smittens have emerged as one of the country's best-loved underground indiepop quintets, with headlining slots in the past year at the New England, New York, and Athens Popfests. The band's hotly anticipated third album 'The Coolest Thing about Love', mixed by Eric Masunaga, will be out in summer, 2008. The band will be touring the US and Europe in the summer and fall of 2008.

From the Press: "If the Disney Channel were run by K Records, the Smittens would be the hugest... Their multi-tracked harmonies, sugar-rush guitar melodies, and DIY synth burbles and cute outfits are relentlessly, huggably adorable." - Boston Phoenix

"The Smittens have the power to embody to a tee the style known as 'twee'" - Losing Today

"Unique, child-like indie-pop tunes" - Boston Globe

"Imagine a band that shut themselves up in the garage with albums by the Archies and Talking Heads and you sort of get the idea of what these folks sound like." - Knoxville (TN) News-Sentinel

"[Gentlefication Now! is] one of the best home recorded indie pop records of all time. This ranks up there with Beat Happening's Jamboree or Velocity Girl's Copacetic." - Bee's Knees #20

"The closest America has yet come to the transcendent pop/squall mix of Scotland's terrific 'twee' bands like The Pastels." - New Haven (CT) Advocate

"Imagine you're in a room with five people all singing their hearts out, and their voices sound so good together, and their songs are filled with love and hope, and are about infatuation and music and friends and holidays and the weather and treating other people kindly. And their songs sound good, and make you feel good, and in that room you feel like the world is good, and people are good, and things are changing for the better. That's what the little revolution of The Smittens' new album is like." - Erasing Clouds

Discography: Full-length Releases:
Gentlefication Now! CD, Dangerfive, 2003
A Little Revolution CD Dangerfive/North of January, 2005
The Coolest Thing About Love CD Happy Happy Birthday to Me 2008

Singles and Compilation Appearances:
-"Momus, Where Are You?" and "Gentlefication Now! (The La La La Song)" on I'm Gonna Watch The Bluebirds Fly Over My Shoulder Volume 1, Twilight Furniture, 2002
-"Good Migrations" on Cwistmas Twee, Total Gaylord, 2004
-"Party Time" (originally by True Love Always) on Teenbeat Tribute Volume Two, online comp, My Mean Magpie, 2005
-"Twitterpated (Super Mario Brothers Remix by Steve Williams)" on Recycling the Throwaways, online comp, A Bunch of Beatniks Riding a Rocket, 2006
-"Twitterpated (Original Popkid Mix)" on Yay 4 Cuteness comp, Valiant Death, 2006
-"C'mon! (When the Grass Grows Tall and Green)" on Let It Bee, My Honey Records, 2007
-"Interstate" on Happy Happy Birthday to Me Volume 5 comp, Happy Happy Birthday to Me, forthcoming 2008
-"My Boyfriend's Back," Happy Happy Birthday to Me 7 Inch Singles Club (split with Tullycraft), forthcoming 2008

Video:
-"My Favorite Dream," No Parachute Volume 2 DVD Comp, Happy Happy Birthday to Me, forthcoming 2008
***"My Favorite Dream" was a Myspace.com "cool new video" of the day, December 6, 2006

Shows and Tours: The Smittens have toured up and down the eastern half of the US and played multiple times in Boston, New York, Montreal, Philadelphia, and DC. In 2008 we plan to tour the East again and finally drop in on our West Coast and European friends as well. We've shared the stage with a lot of bands we admire, including Dear Nora, the Mountain Goats, Bunnygrunt, Pony Up!, the Butchies, My Favorite, Cars Can Be Blue, Mirah, Boyracer, Bishop Allen, Harry and the Potters, the Essex Green, the Maybellines, the Icicles, the Snow Fairies, Palomar, the Besties, Poison Control Center, and the Dub Narcotic Sound System. We love shows of all kinds, in bars, clubs, street festivals, art spaces, colleges, squats, youth centers, parties, weddings, and barns. Get in touch with Dana if you're interested in having us play!

Thanks!
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