

THE SMITTENS

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About:

The Smittens are a hard-working, globe-trotting independent American twee pop band from Burlington, Vermont. The band is friends first and open-hearted indiepop revolutionaries after that. Max Andrucki, Colin Clary, Dana Kaplan, Holly Chagnon, and David Zacharis switch up instruments, song-writing, and singing to create catchy, harmony-driven twee ballads, pop anthems, and queer love songs—always brilliantly lyrical, and often brazenly political. Preferring to do it themselves, The Smittens record their own music while David creates the distinctive artwork that graces the band's fliers and album covers, Dana and Max book the tours, and the whole gang work hard to share their contagious optimism with their fans near and far.

Formed on a whim at a party in 2002 the Smittens have emerged as one of the country's best-loved underground indiepop quintets, releasing 3 full-length albums and a handful of singles and compilation appearances. Currently at work on their 4th studio album, the band has a remix ep due out in summer 2010 on London's Odd Box Records and a few new tracks scheduled for release on compilations later in the year.

As a fixture on the international indiepop festival circuit, with appearances at the Indietracks festival, Athens Popfest, NYC Popfest, Popfest New England, San Francisco Popfest, London Popfest, and the Cosy Den Festival in Stockholm, the Smittens have been bringing their lively, melodic sound to new fans every chance they get. In summer 2010 the Smittens are heading back to Europe for their most ambitious adventure yet!

The Smittens have toured across the eastern US, the UK, and Sweden, and have shared the stage with many bands they admire including Dear Nora, The Mountain Goats, Ballboy, Tullycraft, Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, Pony Up!, Mates of State, Mirah, The Butchies, Kimya Dawson, Dub Narcotic Sound System, Tender Trap, Bishop Allen, Boyracer, The Essex Green, Comet Gain, Standard Fare, Allo Darlin', Bunnygrunt, The Manhattan Love Suicides, Northern Portrait, Cats on Fire, James Kochalka Superstar, and even Richie Havens!

The Smittens love shows of all kinds - in bars, clubs, at festivals, art spaces, colleges, squats, youth centers, parties, weddings and barns, and we always dress to impress. Drop us a line (booking@smittens.com) if you're interested in having us play. Also, you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

From the Press:

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

"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

"[Gentlefication Now! is] one of the best home recorded indie pop records of all time." - Bee's Knees #20

"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

"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

"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] 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

Praise for 'The Coolest Thing About Love':

"one of the best indie pop albums in years" PopMatters

"THE twee pop album of 2008" - Kingem

"another indiepop jewel" - The Athens Exchange

"a must for any lover of twee" - The Flatlander

"honest, simple, cute, and perfect" - Efeito Musical

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Discography:

Full-length:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gentlefication Now! CD, Dangerfive, 2003A Little Revolution CD, Dangerfive/North of January, 2005The Coolest Thing About Love CD, 12" Vinyl, Happy Happy Birthday to Me 2008
Extended Player (ep):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dancing Shoes; the Smittens Remixed on London's Oddbox Records, CD, 2010
Split Singles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Happy Birthday Day to Me Singles Club Single #5 (Tullycraft / The Smittens)<i>My Boyfriend's Back</i> Happy Happy Birthday to Me, 7" Single, 2008The Smittens / The Just Joans<i>What do we do Now? & Summer Sunshine</i> WeePOP!, 7" Single, 2008
Compilation Appearances:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I'm Gonna Watch The Bluebirds Fly Over My Shoulder Vol 1<i>Momus, Where Are You? & Gentlefication Now! (The La La La Song)</i>, Twilight Furniture, CD, 2002Cwistmas Twee<i>Good Migrations</i>, Total Gaylord, CD, 2004Teenbeat Tribute Volume 2<i>Party Time</i>, My Mean Magpie, online comp, 2005Recycling the Throwaways<i>Twitterpated (Super Mario Brothers Remix)</i>, A Bunch of Beatniks Riding a Rocket, online comp, 2006Yay 4 Cuteness<i>Twitterpated (Original Popkid Mix)</i>, Valiant Death, CD, 2006Vermont Sampler Fall 2007<i>Guess What!?</i> - Otter Creek Brewing, CD, 2007Let It Bee<i>C'mon! (When the Grass Grows Tall and Green)</i>, My Honey Records, CD, 2007Indietracks 2008<i>Half My Heart Beats</i>, Make Do And Mend, CD, 2008Popfest! New England 5th Anniversary Suitcase<i>The Obligatory Sad Reprise</i>, CD, 2008Indietracks 2009<i>100 Roses</i>, Make Do And Mend, CD, 2009Cosy Den 5th Anniversary<i>The Interstate (February 14th Version)</i>, Cosy Den, CD, 2009Indietracks 2010<i>Summer Sunshine</i> Make Do And Mend, CD, 2010I Wish I'd Kept a Scrapbook (Tullycraft tribute comp)<i>Sweet</i>, L.A. Tool and Die, CD, 2010
Video:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>My Favorite Dream</i> by Sweet Racket Productions- <i>Gumdrops</i> by Eva Solberger- <i>100 Roses</i> by Rob Koier- <i>Magpies and Eccles Cakes</i> by Rob Koier(All Videos are available at www.smittens.com)
Plus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Smittens wrote and proudly sing the theme song to Vermont's Seven Days weekly vlog, "Stuck in Vermont" which also airs on Burlington, Vermont's WCAX-TV news every Friday night!

XOXO,
The Smittens
Max, Dana, Colin, Holly and David