

Dagger

they channel the sound of titans like Tallulah Gosh and The All Girl Summer Fun band perfectly. It doesn't 'even matter that they are singing in their native language cos' you can make up your own words! From one song to the next, the guitars jangle, the keyboards chirp n' chime , the drums slap and the vocalist sounds like the happiest person in the world. Listening to tunes like "Mr Spock", "Popp and Co", "Bubble Girl" and "Hunangsdropar" you'll realize it ain't rocket science but it's just infectious music played by 5 folks who are doing it cos' they love it and those kinds of bands have always been they best kind for me. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go eat the cd cover.

Three Imaginary Girls

Mod and quick-witted like Virgo Claudette Colbert, this band is a milkshake of the Maybellines with bubble tea karaoke tapioca balls at the bottom! Talk about a rocket in your pocket! This band is set for take off, or at least to be feasted on as the perfect take-out.

Indie MP3

Taking elements of C86, Sarah records and indie pop in general and Dyrdin have put together a collection of well crafted and infectious pop tunes that you will want to play time and time again. Buy it and get bopping!

Vanity Project

It's got a bit of all of Amelia Fletcher's incarnations in there, and a sharp, and cool briskness that seems to fight away accusations of indie geekery. These folks rock, albeit in quite a cute, loveable and almost outrageously fun way.

Erasing Clouds

there's certainly some of the punk spirit living in them, as they grab their instruments and take off on their own loud, fast journey. The group's songs ... are also steeped in worlds of fantasy, whether lead vocalist Hafdis Hreioarsdottir is singing in English or (more often) her native language. That suits their music well: the way they charge through their light, playful pop songs in a forceful way echoes with the same darkness/light combination inherent in all fairy tales, filled as they are with both dreams and nightmares. - dave heaton

Music for Listeners

we haven't gotten anything this poptastic and FUN in a good while.

RetroLowFi

How on earth does Skipping Stones Records continue to find the best twee/pop music on earth? First it's The Besties, then The Charade, and now they've signed Icelandic pop wonders Dyrdin. Dyrdin's new record drops on October 3rd, 2006 but please take out some time to enjoy this sample. Fans of All Girl Summer Fun Band and Shonen Knife... you've got a new favorite band.

The Cricket

Never has icelandic twee pop sounded as charming as this. You can't resist songs like "hunangdsropar" and "prins í álögum" unless you have a heart of stone. For you who hold talulah gosh in highest esteem. /Terry Ericsson

Athens Exchange

I literally knew nothing about them, but as soon as the music started, I was tapping my toes. By song two, there was head bobbing and involuntary clapping; before I knew it, I had abandoned my Rousseau and was dancing around my tiny, tiny bedroom. /Meghan Jones

Eardrums Blog

They definitely have the spirit! You can hear that they're having fun making their songs, and this makes it fun to listen to. They have some good songs, they have the energy and they manage to make pop as simple and pure as it should be made - especially the bouncy pop-killer 'Prins i àlögum' ... The chorus is fantastic, and it is easy to get hooked.