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Ra Ra Riot in Chicago (picked by Gym Class Heroes)

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The last time the Cure-meets-Morrissey heart-tuggers Ra Ra Riot hit Chicago, the quintet could be seen conga-lining through a sea of hipsters post-gig at the Wicker Park street festival.

Happenstance gave the evening a September 11 tag, adding deeper meaning to a few of the crew's brooding pop tracks: "Dying Is Fine" and "Ghost Under Rocks."

The Ra Ra-ians sure deserve that love. The band's story is plagued by the death of a drummer, among other tragedies. So when Miles thumped his chest to the snare of "Oh La," and the crowd screamed for more of Alexandra Lawn's and Rebecca Zeller's instrumental play, Miles had no choice but to bring it home, crooning "We've got our lives to love each other, we have got to stick together!"

Ra Ra Riot were chosen as our It Happened Last Night band by Gym Class Heroes drummer Matt McGinley as part of today's Gym Class Heroes takeover of SPIN.com. Matt's a big fan of the band, which isn't surprising considering Ra Ra Riot guitarist Milo Bonacci is a childhood friend of McGinley's, and was actually the original guitarist in Gym Class Heroes.



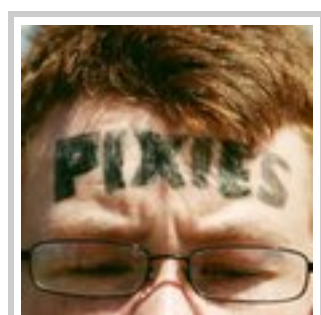
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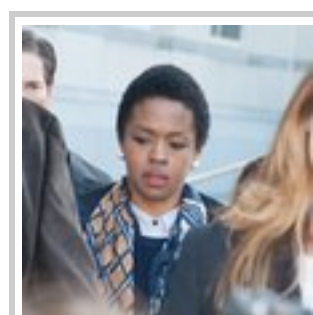
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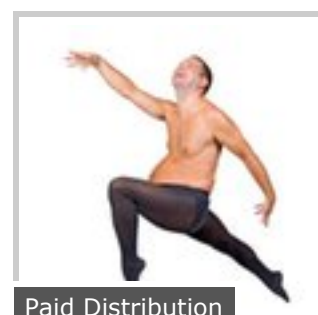
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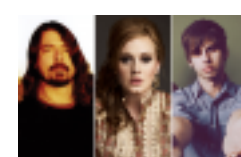


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