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The Ting Tings

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The Ting Tings

What's the Deal: These glitzy popsters' upbeat sonic thrusts club-punching guitars and adolescent coos, at times sounding as if Kylie Minogue attended indie-rock training camp and graduated with honors in handclaps and hipster sass. Frontwoman Katie White is pure spunk, spinning six-string jangles into breakout singles ("Great DJ"), when not rocketing lyrics about bitter breakups ("Shut Up & Let Me Go") and proper epithet techniques ("That's Not My Name"). Drummer Jules De Martino rocks rhythms skinny-jean clean, while a little cowbell, plunky key jabs, and a self-deprecating album title -- *We Started Nothing* -- craft a DIY chime.

Who: White and De Martino began the Ting Tings in 2006 after an ill-fated career in Dear Eskiimo, and after their fair share of underground hype, signed to Columbia for the release of debut *We Started Nothing* in May. Fans headed to Austin this week can catch the band at one of their five shows: The KCRW showcase at Buffalo Billiards March 12 (11 P.M.), Fader Party March 13 (2 P.M.), BrooklynVegan showcase March 13 (8 P.M.), the Stubb's showcase March 14 (8 P.M.), or at the Diesel Party March 15 (10 P.M.).

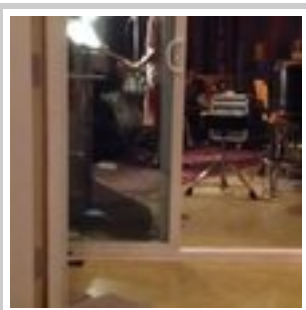
Fun Fact: At the Ting Tings' Glastonbury set, Radio One DJ Huw Stephens prophesized the band will be headlining the festival come '09, quipping, "If that's not true, then I'll eat some mud."

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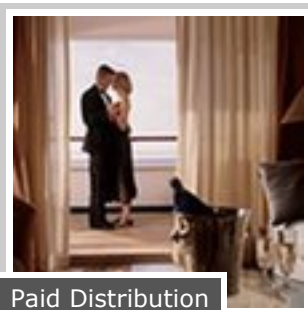
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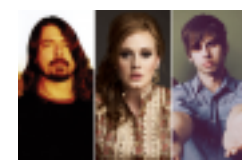


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