

# the classic crime

by Caitlin Waring

The Classic Crime is an alternative rock band from Seattle, Washington. They are signed to Tooth & Nail Records, and have been for over three years now. Many people have not listened to The Classic Crime, or even heard of this band for that matter. Their songs feature powerful lyrics, catchy tunes, and an angst-filled scream here or there. The Classic Crime consists of two guitarists, Justin DuQue and Robbie Negrin, bassist Alan Clark, Slip Erikson on the drums, and Matt MacDonald singing lead vocals. The band thinks it's important to display depth and diversity in their music. This is shown in both of their albums, Albatross and The Silver Cord.

In May of 2006, The Classic Crime released their first album. The album was titled Albatross. It starts out very high-energy, slows down a bit for some deep lyrics on their tracks like, "The Coldest Heart," and then picks up the pace once again. It ends with a slow and soft song, "Headlights," which features the band's creative lyrics and MacDonald's diverse vocal range. The album is bold, catchy, and conveys a positive message.

The Classic Crime's sophomore album, The Silver Cord, was released in the summer of 2008. The songs are much more diverse in sound. The album reflects on the fragility of life, sometimes in a positive way, sometimes in a negative way. The lyrics are deep, as always, and tell a story. "The Silver Cord is a metaphor from literary history dating back to the Torah and the Old Testament," says the band's lead singer. Although The Classic Crime has stayed true to their sound and the basics of their band, the new album contrasts the first one quite much. DuQue describes it as more "mortal" than Albatross. It portrays deeper emotions and thoughts on life. It is more realistic, more down to earth.

The Classic Crime gets their inspiration from many sources. They are mainly a rock band, but they also draw influence from many pop-punk artists. They are currently working on a new album, and the band estimates that it will be in stores by March of 2010. If you like bands like Anberlin, Relient K, and Switchfoot, you would probably enjoy The Classic Crime.

# metro station cd review

by Jessica Marascio

The self-titled Metro Station CD is full of catchy pop rock tunes that are sure to get you singing along. The bands top radio hits "Shake It" and "Seventeen Forever" are what made Metro Station well known in the music world. This talented group of four rockers writes all their own music and their lyrics. "Seventeen Forever" is the CD's opening track and features the artistic Blake Healy on the keyboard and sound machine, and is all about the aspects of young love. "Control" is the next song and it has a fast paced techno feel to it.

This song will get you singing aloud to the "Whoa oh!" that starts out every chorus. "Kelsey" is my personal favorite track off the disc. It is a sweet love song with meaningful lyrics sung with a soft voice and quiet background music. "Shake It" is sure to get you up out of your seat and dancing, and is probably the most popular song ever performed by Metro Station. Drummer Anthony "aNT" Improgo does a great job of keeping the beat to the next track, "Wish We Were Older". Tracks "Now that We're Done," "True To Me" and "Tell



Me What To Do" really show off the amazing voices of vocalists Masson Musso and Trace Cyrus, and have memorable lyrics such as, "she's such a rush, she's such a crush, she's one in a million" and "girl I only think of you always, and forever and forever." "True To Me" is also an excellent singing along, dance along song. It features Trace whispering the beginning lyrics after a captivating intro on the keyboard. "California" is the ultimate road trip song for the summer. It tells the fantasy tale of dropping everyday

life to run away to California with the person you love. "Disco", the final track is poetic, but fun at the same time, telling a story about a night of dancing. Metro Station just finished up their summer tour and will be beginning another sometime in mid fall. I highly recommend this CD to anyone who is looking for some good new tunes for their iPods. It's great to listen to just about any time and while doing anything. It is truly feel-good music, and it is almost impossible to be in a bad mood after listening to any of these songs.

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# warped tour cd review

by Kayte Cesare

I'm sure that many of you are wishing summer would come back as much as I do, because I had just about the greatest summer ever, and i'm sure you did as well. I was one of the few people that got to go to Warped Tour's 15th Anniversary at Montage Mountain. So you didn't get to go? On the brightside, they have a two disc compilation CD. You can go to Target, Walmart, Fye, or basically any retailer to purchase it. Oh, and luckily for you, it's only twelve dollars! You seriously have to go out and buy it. If you're like me, and you're into alternative music, then this is the CD for you. It features artists such as A Day To Remember, All Time Low, The Maine, Jeffree Star, Hit

The Lights, Meg And Dia, Chiodos, The Devil Wears Prada, 3OH!3, I Set My Friends On Fire, Madina Lake, and Breathe Carolina, just to name some. But there's 39 others, and I am sure you'll enjoy them as well. It was released on Side One Dummy Records, so if you don't like those bands, you should see who else they have signed. I wasn't familiar with some of the bands, yet they grew on me. I leave the CD on repeat, at all time. So, if you haven't heard of some of those artists, still go out and buy it, they'll grow on you, also. You will not be disappointed. If you enjoy dancing around in your underwear, singing into a brush, then this is the cd for you. I give it five stars, out of five, why wouldn't you? Seriously, go out and get yourself a copy. You'll love it, trust me.

# zombies, oh my!

by Caitlin Waring

Zombies, Oh My! is a local metal band from Bangor. The members, Jett, Gabe, Pablo, Danny, Jordan, and Dylan, are very young, only in middle and high school. They are a fun bunch of kids, and they absolutely love being in a band. They got their name from The Wizard of Oz; lions and tigers and bears, oh my! There never seems to be a dull moment with this band. Jett, the band's drummer, says his favorite memory with the band would have to be their first rehearsal, up in his attic. "My attic is about a quarter size of a school classroom, and we had seven or eight people up there! It was gnarly!"

Jett says, "these are our glory years, and Zombies, Oh My! will be a big part of our lives forever!" The band gets inspiration for all their songs from their daily lives, from just hanging out outside, to going to a concert. They try to get all their friends

to their shows, and even other kids from school who never listen to this type of music, The band is very important to every one of them, and they hope to stick together, even after high school. If they can't stay in the band, Jett plans to continue working with music, and Danny, the bassist, is very interested with welding.

The band's sound is influenced by a wide variety of bands, including For Today, Impending Doom, The Devil Wears Prada, Dr. Acula, and of course, Blink 182. These and other bands have changed Zombies, Oh My!'s sound, and changed them as artists. Jett says that, because the are so young, when they play with other bands who are older or are signed to record companies, it's a bit intimidating and awkward. But, they are hoping to release an EP of their own within the next year!