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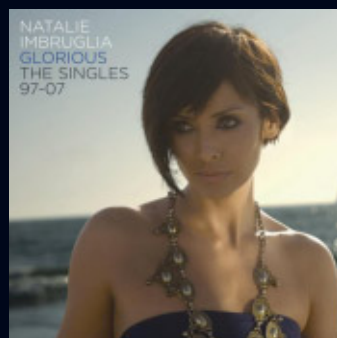
The Cardigans: Life

When Alex Kapranos and his fellow Franz were mere sprogs of haggis bouncing around a Scottish Highland their would-be producer Tore Johansson teamed up with a couple of heavy metal musicians called Peter and Magnus and a female vocalist called Nina. What they produced together was more of an Abba/Carpenters hybrid than Iron Maiden. A beautifully kitsch album, *Life* found an audience with indie kids and pop audiences alike which, at the time was no mean feat, as in those days you either liked indie and Brit Pop or you liked Ace of Base and never the twain met. From the opening grooves of *Carnival* you know you're in for a thinking persons kitsch treat. And as quickly as *Gordon's Garden Party* paints the perfect psychedelic sunset of a song then *Sick and Tired* shows the bitterness and resentment glistening just below the surface. After six songs of irony and campness *Beautiful One* arrives and shows The Cardigans' real depth and understanding of delicate profoundness. A real highlight is "Hey! Get Out Of My Way!", a "f*@k! you" anthem that should never have been overlooked as a single. Although *Life* doesn't contain the best loved Cardigans track *Lovefool*, it is still their most complete and best LP to date.



Tommy Turntables reviews this month's hits & misses

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Natalie Imbruglia *Glorious* Single/Album

The ex Neighbours star returns with a slab of sugary, catchy pop-rock taken from her greatest hits LP. Not sure there were that many hit's though Natalie. Or they were that great. This is better than average though. Think Kelly Clarkson without the pseudo anger.

Single out now

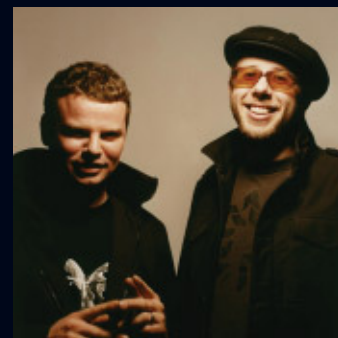
Album released 10 September



Iliketrains *The Deception* Single

If you like your tunes dark, disturbing and desperate you will love Iliketrains. They make epic sounds about despair, mental illness and erm... playing chess. Think Radiohead and Joy Division with what little joy they possess squeezed out of them by rusty Victorian machinery. See them live at the Scala in October and if you are not a broken human being by the end of the gig then you are probably not a human being at all.

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The Chemical Brothers *The Salmon Dance* Single

It's been a while since a song has come along that has it's own accompanying dance and never in living history has there been a song and dance with electro bleeps a cheeky 80's style rap and a the full run down on the life of a Salmon... In short the Chemical Brothers have (pardon the pun) done it again.

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