

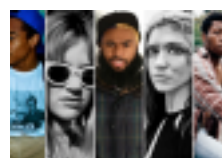
THE DAILY SHUFFLE



Grammy Highs! Grammy Lows! Photos of Music's Big Night



Bon Iver: Exclusive Grammy Q&A



SPIN's 5 Best New Artists for February '12



Award Tour: 21 Times the Grammys Saluted the Underground

Artist of the Day

Tilly and the Wall

By [Gavin Paul Giovagnoli](#) on June 3, 2008 10:21 AM [Comment](#)



SHARE

0 0

Facebook Twitter

Share With Friends

Tilly and the Wall

What? Recognized as the band with a tap dancer instead of a drummer, Team Love's flagship kid-spirit act [Tilly and the Wall](#) -- see debut LP *Wild Like Children*, *Sesame Street* appearance, etc. -- are always ones to disguise their sweet cheerleader-harmonies in tales of disillusionment and unrequited love. And what began as lo-fi sessions in Conor Oberst's basement graduated to the Mike Mogis ([Bright Eyes](#)) production treatment and has now become *O*, the outfit's third full-length due June 17.

Textures abound under the Mogis helm. Jamie Pressnall's tap fills thunder over conventional drums, and oodles of guitar effects support electronic tinkering and vocal overdubs. Case in point: "Pot Kettle Black." "[We were] naturally going in a way to try and make it more one kind of sound," Derek Pressnall, also of [Flowers Forever](#), told SPIN.com. "We were consciously thinking about how we want to have drums, taps, and electronics all happening at once, without you thinking there's drums, taps, and electronic beats all going on at once." Trickery indeed, but sonic deception never sounded so good.

Who? Georgia-bred transplants Derek Pressnall (guitar) and Nick White (keys) melded into the remnants of Conor Oberst's first band, Park Ave., accruing the talents of Jamie Pressnall (now Derek's wife on tap shoe) and Neely Jenkins (vocals). Kianna Alarid (vocals/bass) was drawn from fellow Omaha collective, Magic Kiss. All five share songwriting duties.

Fun Fact: *O*'s opener, "Tall Tall Grass," was a troublesome tune dating back to the band's first EP -- never fleshed out until now. Derek explains to SPIN.com: "It finally came alive. I have a personal connection to that song. It's like the story of our band, emotionally and lyrically. But it's also a love song to music. And a love song to friendship. And a love song to a lover."

Now Hear This: "Pot Kettle Black" ([DOWNLOAD MP3](#))

More Tilly and the Wall on SPIN.com:

- [Tilly and the Wall Unveil 'O'](#)
- [SXSW 2008 Portrait Gallery](#)
- [Tilly and the Wall Tour, Play 'Sesame Street'](#)
- [SXSW '08: Tilly and the Wall live review + video](#)
- [SXSW '07 interview: Tilly and the Wall](#)

RELATED VIDEOS:

- [SXSW '08: Tilly and the Wall](#)
- [SXSW '07: Tilly and the Wall](#)
- [SXSW '08: Flowers Forever](#)

Topics: [Artist Of The Day](#), [Gavin Paul Giovagnoli](#), [Tilly And The Wall](#)

You might like:



Watch Big Boi Gamely Hobble Around an Island in 'The Thickets' Video ([SPIN.com](#))



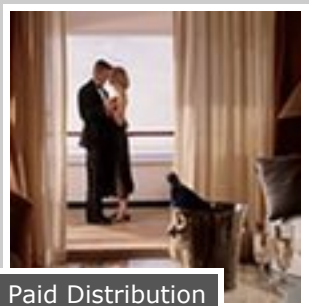
Twin Peaks the Band Channel 'Twin Peaks' the Show on Drifty Dreamer 'Irene' ([SPIN.com](#))



Cass McCombs Asks What It's Like to Crap in the Cosmos on 'Morning Star' ([SPIN.com](#))



Hear Pillar Point's Surging Synth-Pop Fantasy 'Dreamin' ([SPIN.com](#))



5 Best Cruise-Ship Suites ([AARP.org](#))

Recommended by

Post a new comment

Login ...

You must be logged in to comment.

Post

0 Comments

Most Popular

- NEWS
- PHOTOS
- REVIEWS

SPIN LISTS

- 25 Winter Albums You Gotta Hear
- 5 Best New Artists for February '12
- 50 Best Albums of 2011
- 20 Best Songs of 2011
- Free! 24 Tracks From SPIN's Best of 2011 Issue
- 25 Best Live Photos of 2011
- SPIN's 40 Best Rap Albums of 2011
- 40 Greatest Comedy Albums of All Time
- 125 Best Albums of the Past 25 Years

Connect With SPIN

- Facebook
- Twitter
- YouTube
- Foursquare
- iPad

GET FREE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

E-mail: * Zip Code:

[SIGN UP!](#)

More News

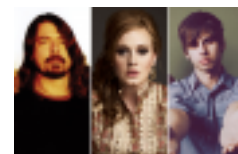


Hear Das Racist Rap on BBU's Fiery 'Please, No Pictures'

- [See T.I. and Young Jeezy Literally 'Fuck Da City Up' in New Video](#)
- [First Spin: Hear Hollis Brown's Raunchy 'Spoonful'](#)
- ['DoYaThing' By the Numbers: Dissecting Gorillaz/LCD/Andre 3000's 13-Minute Song](#)
- [John Peel's Massive Record Collection Will Be Available Online In May](#)

[See All News](#)

Contest And Promotions



Grammys 2012 Playlist: Listen to the Nominees

- [Grouplove, Gary Clark Jr. Playing SPIN Sessions at Bing Bar During Sundance](#)
- [Fruity Rekyalicious Chosen As Readers' Fave Reyka Vodka Cocktail](#)

[More Contests & Promos](#)