

The new album from Tripping Daisy — buy it



BILL
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GROUP: Tripping Daisy
LABEL: Island Records

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Tripping Daisy is a new band out of Dallas, Texas, that recently released their debut album on Island Records — buy it.

If you have heard nothing from them yet, you will be pleasantly surprised. If you have listened to a little of the album *Bill*, you are in for even more of a treat — if you already own it you need not read any further.

Four very talented musicians make up Tripping Daisy: Tim DeLaughter on lead vocals, Bryan Wakeland on drums, Mark Pirro on bass, and Wes Berggren on guitar.

The music on *Bill* is not similar to anything that has come before it musically. Lyrically, the subject matter of *Bill* range from premature ejaculation to troubled relationships between father and son. Most of the songs, which were penned by DeLaughter, are reflective and

enlightened without being overly political.

The first track on *Bill*, "My Umbrella," is an upbeat pop song that is so catchy you will be singing it in philosophy class before you even know the name of the song.

Next is the frenzied song "One Through Four," about premature ejaculation — the fast pace of the song simulates the act. In the song "Brown Eyed Pickel Boy," DeLaughter presents his view of what society would have been like if we had not destroyed ourselves through technology and materialism.

Contrary to the way that it sounds, the name Tripping Daisy is not a reference to an acid trip; it is the name of a fictional character that DeLaughter and his girlfriend created. The name describes Daisy's trek through life, and DeLaughter says is in no way meant to promote drug use.

There are more important things in life, so pay your rent, pay your phone bill, and if you have money left over after you finish grocery shopping, buy *Bill* by Tripping Daisy. The purchase will be well worth your while.

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