

INDIE SCENE

CATHY

**Swimsuit Season**

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The latest in a long line of unassuming indie bands to have discovered the perfect ratio of wounded-dude sincerity to left-of-the-dial irreverence, Cathy makes record-geek rock everyone can get behind. Here, the Brooklyn foursome honors saints ranging from Alex Chilton to J Mascis, channeling their love and respect into punky power-pop jams and rousing alt-country sidesteps. There are even a few ballads, closer “Same Damn Time” being the best of the bunch. “Lately I keep thinking about how I could be so wrong and always right at the same time,” sings frontman Jeremy Willis, coming darn close to justifying those Paul Westerberg comparisons on the tip of your tongue.

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