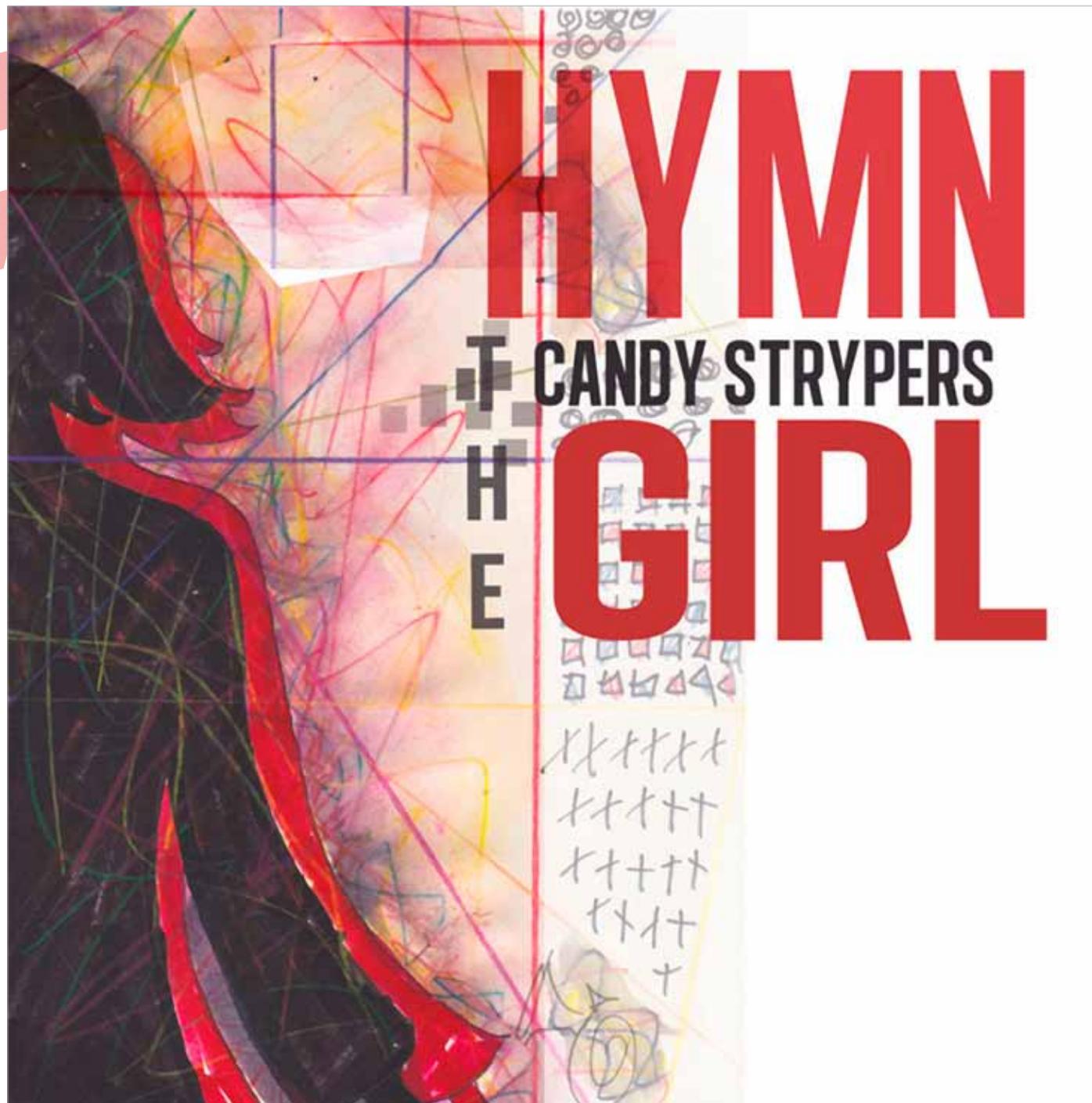


ePop 021:
The Candy
Strypers



EardrumsPop

EardrumsPop is a label where we release free digital singles of our favourite artists. Every single will include 2 original songs and in addition a cover-song that deserves more attention. The cover art will be made by our favourite illustrators, and we like to see the single as a split-release between the band and the illustrator.

The singles will vary in style, from acoustic folk-songs to noisy indiepop, everything in between and more, but always warm and melodic.

Tracklisting:

1. Hymn the Girl
2. Don't Forget Your Dreams
3. Born on a Train

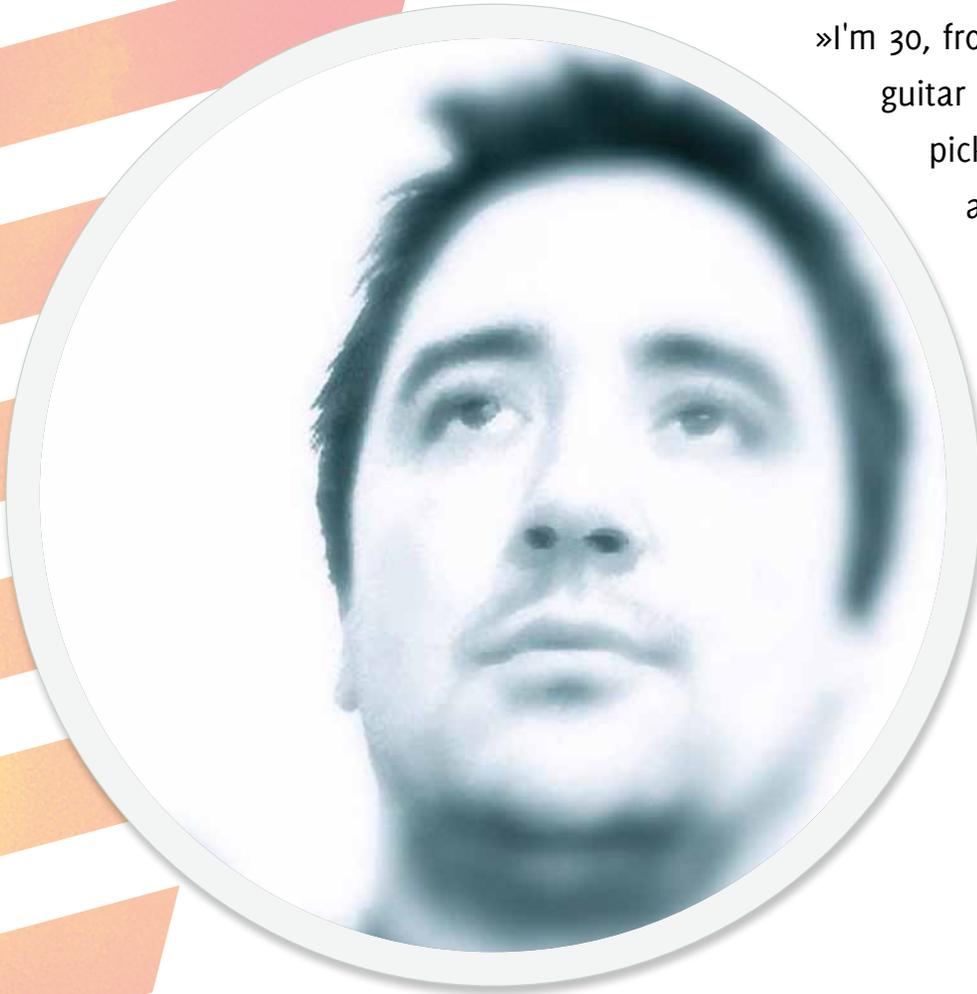
»» Track 1 and 2 written by The Candy Strypers. Track 3 written by The Magnetic Fields.
All songs performed by the Candy Strypers.

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You can find a video for »Hymn the Girl« here:
<https://vimeo.com/40725531>

Introduction to the band: The Candy Strypers

The Candy Strypers is Paul Hughes, and this is his own presentation of himself and his music.



»I'm 30, from Manchester, UK. I've been in love with melodic guitar pop forever, but it took me till my early twenties to pick up a guitar. I played drums in a band when I was at school, so I bought a drumkit as well, then some recording software and started writing songs. This is my first official 'release' - I hope you enjoy it! Check out my Soundcloud page for more music.«

<http://soundcloud.com/the-candy-strypers>

<https://twitter.com/#!/magicHughesy>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Candy-Strypers/33204779407>

The Designer: Andrej Dolinka

This time, the cover art is done by EardrumsPop's team-member Knut, and he wants us to present a major contributor to the EardrumsPop-team instead. Let us introduce the man who make these lovely booklets. Graphic designer Andrej Dolinka prepares and designs the booklets for every ePop-single, based on a template made by Julia Pax. Today, Andrej is an essential part of the ePop-team, and we are truly thankful for the work he does for us. So, who are you, Andrej?

» Tell us a little bit about yourself and your art?

I studied to become an architect, but somewhere along the way I took a left turn and decided to go with graphic design instead. Oh, and the things I produce aren't art, although I work in the field of contemporary art a lot. It becomes rather obvious that I tend to escape large words, narratives and mythical implications of creation.

» Who / what are your greatest visual inspirations?

This question is a bit like asking me about my top ten favourite bands ever. I don't know. It shifts a lot, and constantly so. This week I'm back to Peter Saville, for instance. And I've re-read Tom Wolfe's Bauhaus or Our House a few days ago, so I'm struck with different architectural influences, from Gropius, Mies, Corbu and Niemeyer to Koolhaas. Ask me next week and it might be Jan Tschichold on a meeting with Emigré and Gus Van Sant in an architectural fantasy created by Ivan Leonidov.

» How did you develop your style? Is it different now than when you started?

I don't work in a style. I use a graphic language that suits the particular project and the concept I developed for it the best. Is there a prize for the most boring answer ever? OK, I guess that someone who sees my work could point a finger and shout: minimalist!, or (super-)modernist!, or sentimental and melancholic!

Read the full interview here:

www.eardrumspop.com/about-2/our-illustrators/andrej-dolinka

The Candy Strypers — a photo interview:

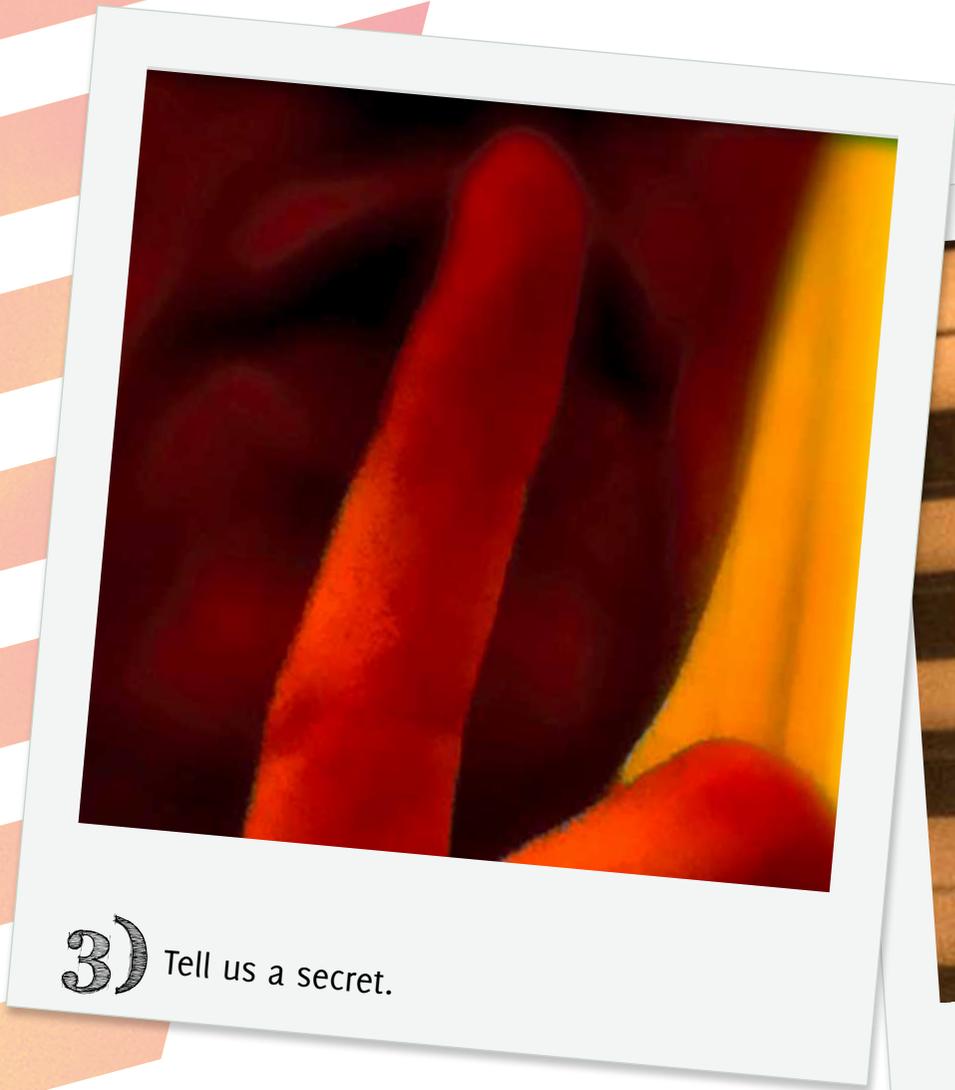
The innovative website [A Negative Narrative](http://www.anegativenarrative.com) has made photo-interviews with our single-artists. Visit www.anegativenarrative.com and see more bands' photographic answers to their interview questions. Here is A Negative Narrative's interview with The Candy Strypers:



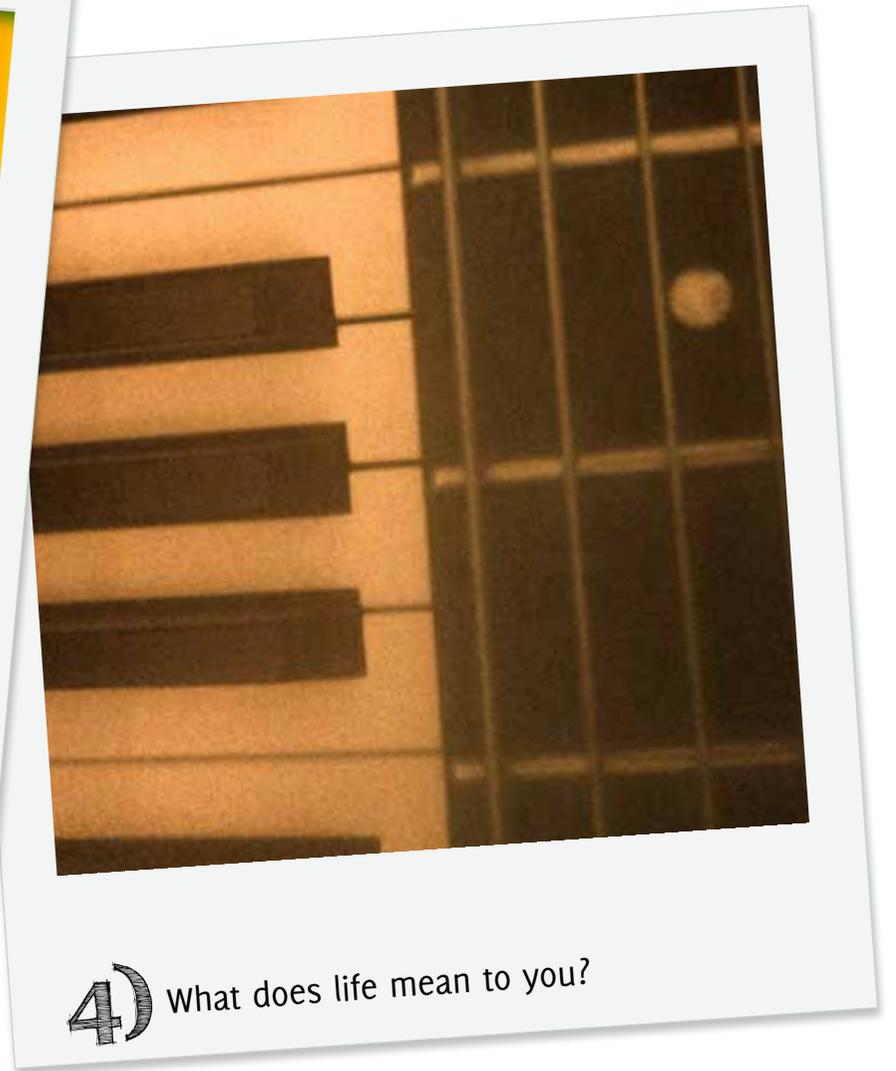
1) Take a photo of an ear, but make it real strange, artistic or unrecognisable.



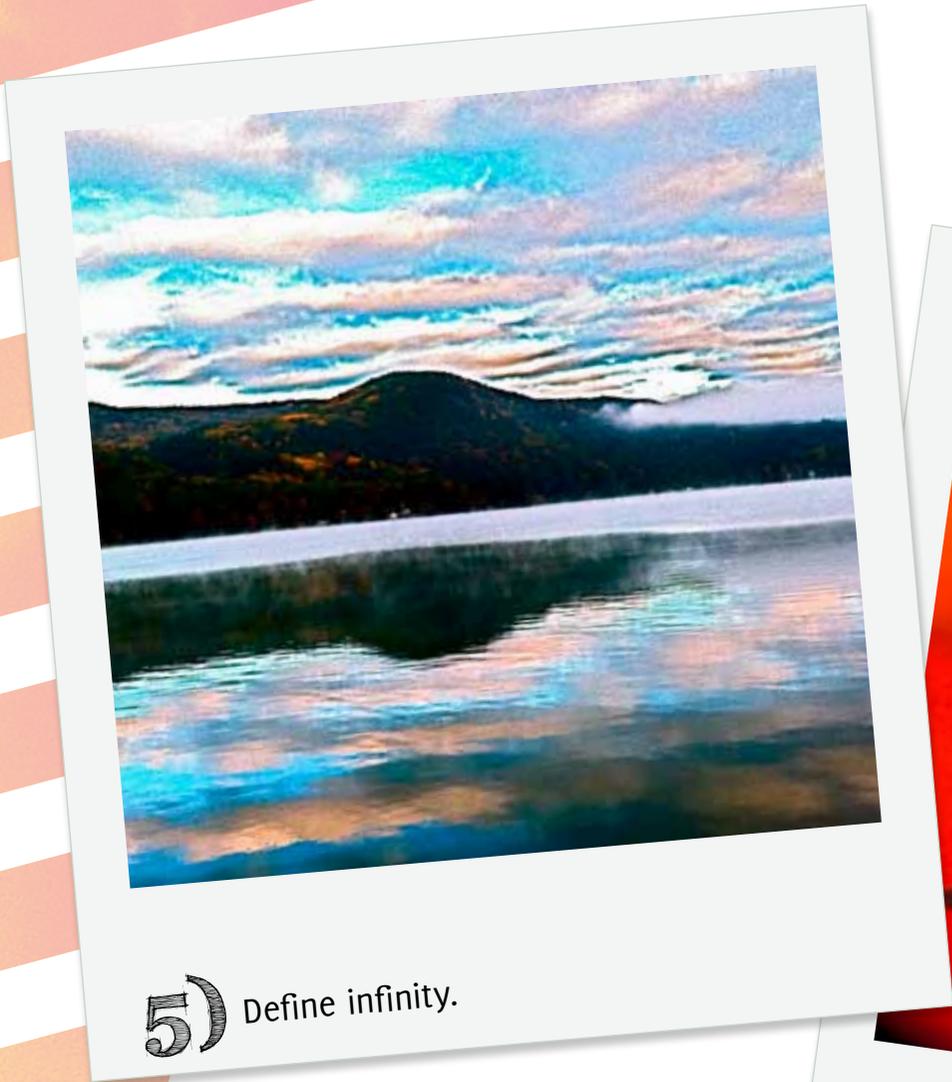
2) Where is the weirdest place on Route 66?



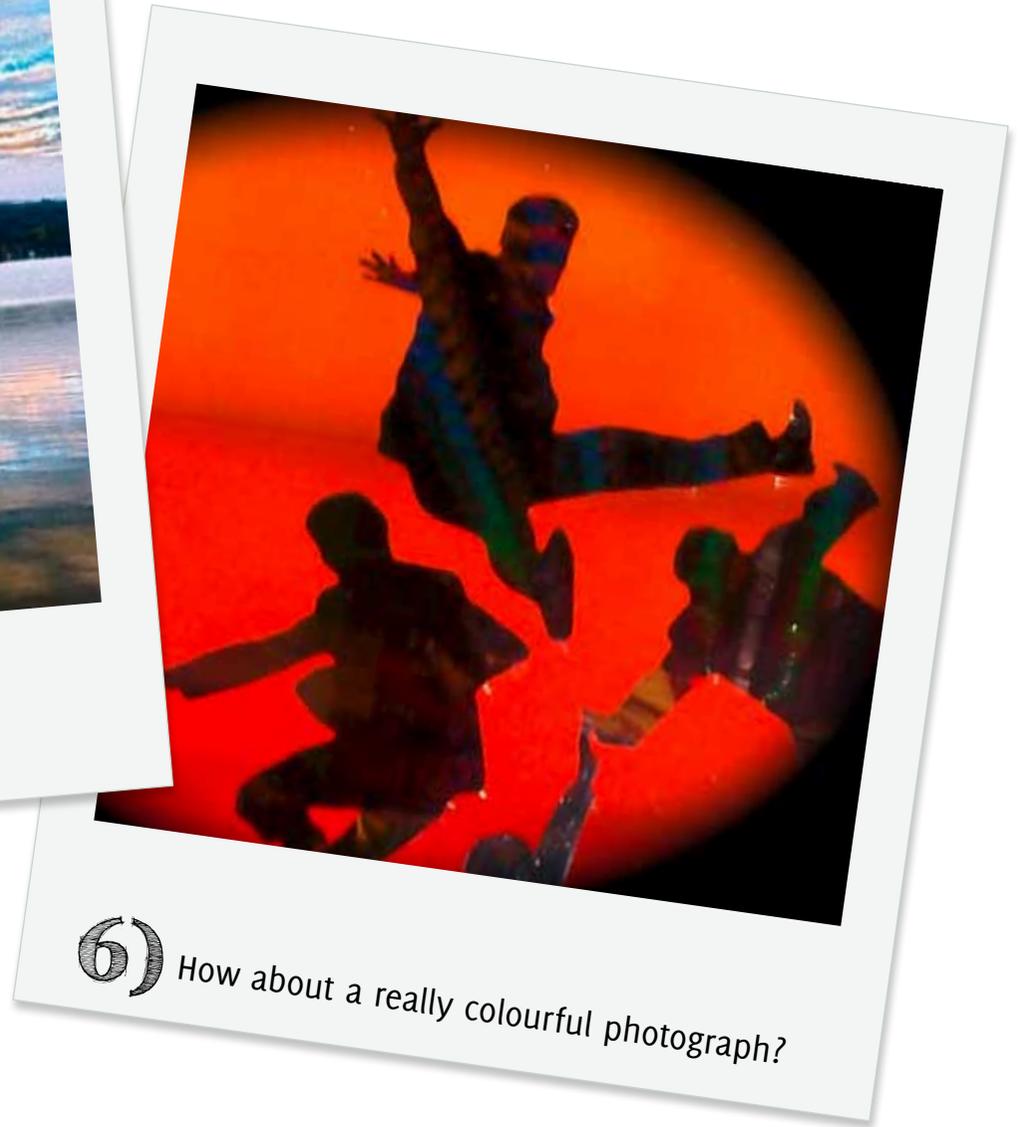
3) Tell us a secret.



4) What does life mean to you?



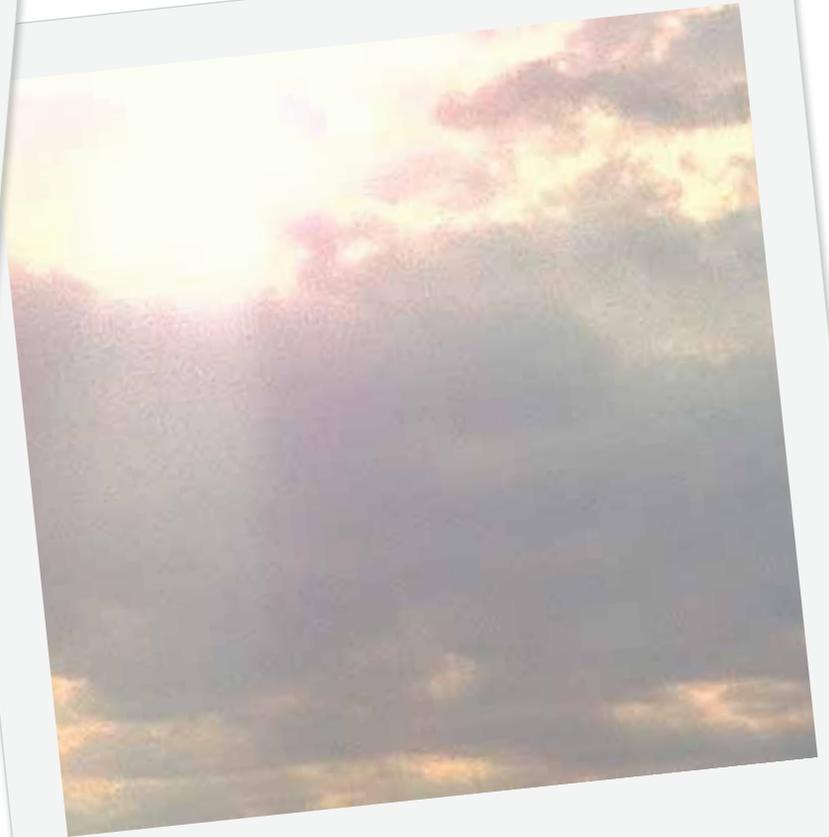
5) Define infinity.



6) How about a really colourful photograph?



7) Photograph someone who isn't expecting it.



8) What would your music look like if it was visible to the human eye?



9) What makes you really, really, stupidly happy?



10) Photograph something illegal or naked.

The cover song: We have encouraged the single-bands to make a cover version of a song they think deserves more attention. The Candy Strypers have chosen to cover »Born on a train«, originally performed by The Magnetic Fields. The original can be found on The Magnetic Fields' album »The Charm of the Highway Strip« from 1994.

The Magnetic Fields



Official website:

<http://www.houseoftomorrow.com>

You can see the official video for the song here:

<http://youtu.be/H95jGsZmzmQ>

About EardrumsPop, the label:

EardrumsPop is a netlabel closely related to the music blog Eardrums. We love warm and melodic music of all kinds, we believe in beautiful things you can see and hear, and we believe in working together, helping each other and getting good music and good art out to the public.

All our releases are given away for free.

All our releases are made in close collaboration with the artists and illustrators.

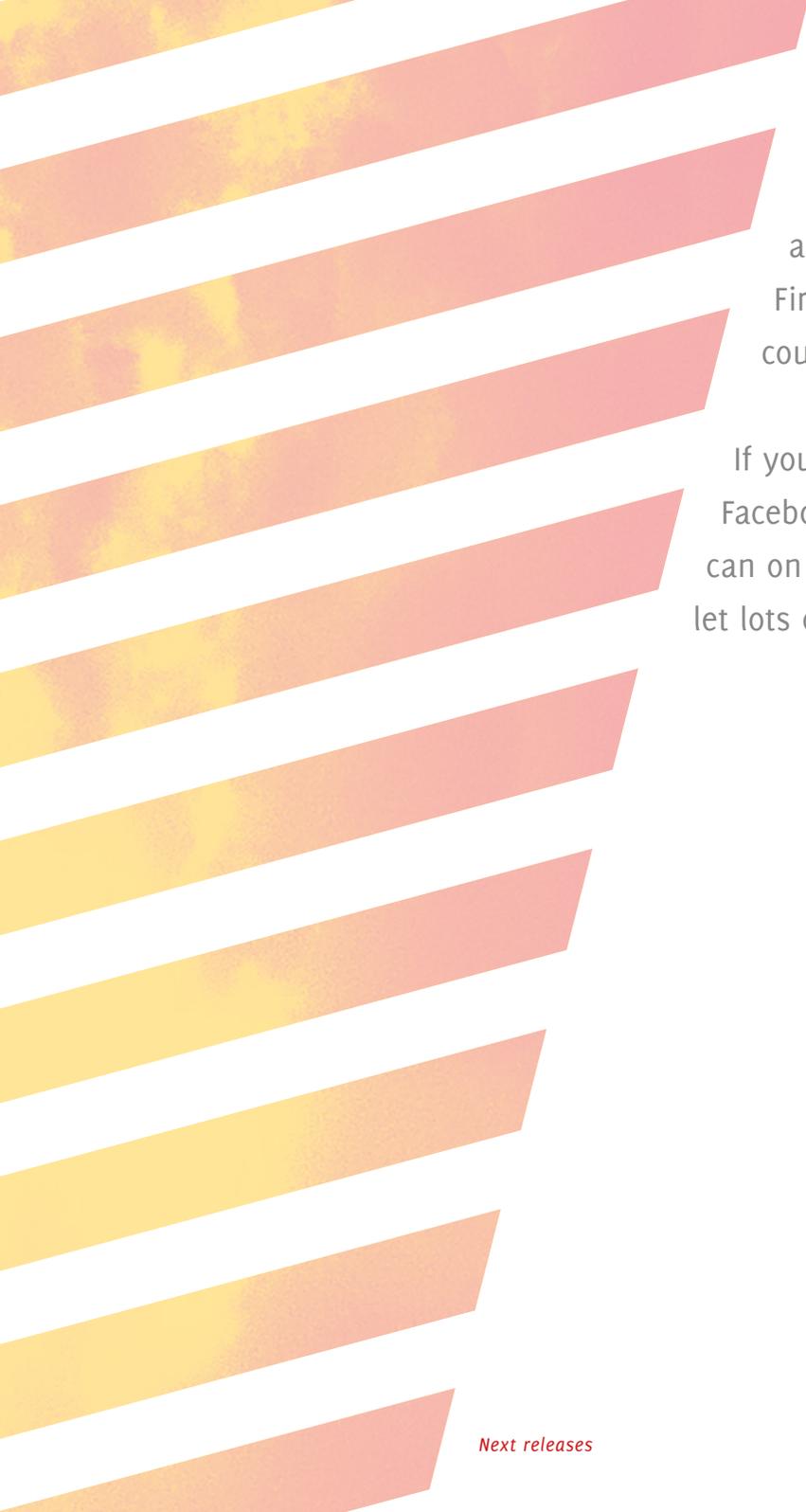
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- »» The **booklet** is put together in Adobe InDesign by Andrej Dolinka. Visit Andrej's blog here: dolinka.wordpress.com
- »» The **text in the booklet** is put together by the EardrumsPop team.
- »» The **project** is run and managed by the EardrumsPop-team, Stefan, Tim and Knut. Visit us at www.eardrumspop.com
- »» The **photo-interviews** are managed by the website A Negative Narrative www.anegativenarrative.com

If you want to participate in any way, either with music, art, videos or help us with the project, please contact us at team@eardrumspop.com.

You can also join our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/eardrumspop



Next singles in this series:

In late May or June, you can expect singles by The Sleeping Policemen, Sun Sister and a remix-project where Tiny Fireflies remixes Baffin Island and Baffin Island remixes Tiny Fireflies. We have more on our list, so there might be even more coming in the next couple of months.

If you enjoyed the single, please tell your friends about it! Write about it in your blog, on Facebook, Twitter, Last.fm etc. Play it on your radio show, your podcast or as loud as you can on your stereo with your windows open. Spread the word about the single and help us let lots of people hear it!