

Raymond & Maria

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Raymond&Maria is a slightly shy band from Stockholm Sweden that to their own surprise experienced great success back home. This is their story:

"After a year in a basement trying to figure out our complicated borrowed recording-equipment, we made 30 copies of our first single "No one notices your brand new T-shirt" (in Swedish "Ingen vill veta var du köpt din tröja") and sent them to people we liked. Then everything went crazy. Within two weeks it was number one in all the Swedish charts and after another two it had sold platinum. We also won a Swedish grammy. If we weren't us we'd like to be a mix between Simon&Garfunkel, The Smiths, Dylan and ABBA. Our sound is basic and simple. Two girls singing, two acoustic guitars and drums. Bass when needed. Our lyrics are - you could say - political on an individual level."

[Acoustic rage, hope and beauty
from Sweden]

Raymond&Maria and producer James Iha

A year ago James Iha – former Smashing Pumpkins guitarist - came across a demo with our new songs and sent us an e-mail telling us he wanted to produce our next album. A truly amazing thing for us since he's one of our all time favorite guitar players (and a very nice guy as it turned out). In December of last year, we recorded three new songs in his studio Stratosphere in New York, and this spring he came over to our favourite Scandinavian studio – Ocean Sound in Giske, Norway – to record six more. Now – we've just returned from the final session in New York with a finished album.



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