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A few of Me'shell's favorite things

Name: Me'shell Ndegéocello (pronounced n-DAY-gay-o-CHELL-o)

New album: *Peace Beyond Passion* (Maverick/Reprise)

Where you've seen her: on the videos for "If That's Your Boyfriend" (from her first CD) and "Wild Night" (with John Mellencamp)



dig this!

Musical instrument: Bass guitar. That's what I play. Bass is it. It's what drives a song.

Song: The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby." Lyrically and musically, it's a perfect song. I feel like I'm in Eleanor Rigby's house when I'm listening to it. Oooh, there's just something about that song—I cry every time I hear it.

Song on her new album: "The Way." This song speaks about all the contradictions and hypocrisies in religion. It's the song that rings true to my heart. I'm always questioning things.

Sport: Oh, man, I love to watch basketball. It's such a fast-paced game—and the men are so beautiful.

Food: Indian food. It's primarily vegetarian and so am I—but every now and then you can catch me eating a hamburger.

Holiday: Mother's Day, because everyone has to make up for all the stuff they pull over on their moms. Also, I'm a mother, and my son makes me hats and things for Mother's Day. Handmade gifts are the best thing.

—Amy Talkington

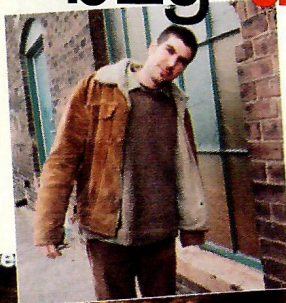
Pssst! MTV's *The Real World Miami* starts July 10; *Road Rules* are in effect July 15. ● Kicking off tours this month

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Patti Rothberg and **Hayden** are two new singer/songwriters who are making serious noise—and killer music.

Kee your ears open for **Hayden**, a 25-year-old gravelly voiced singer/songwriter/guitarist from Toronto whose first album, *Everything I Long For*, has recently been released in the U.S. This is no ordinary debut: Hayden hoopla was so huge in Canada that fleets of major-label American music execs flew north to encourage the overwhelmed musician to sign on the dotted line. You don't have to go figure: *Everything* cements Hayden's rep as a major songwriting talent as he rasps about everything from sharing a midnight snack with a crush to what it would be like to be one of Susan Smith's drowned sons. So what if he occasionally sounds like Eddie Vedder with strep—he's worth listening to.

Patti Rothberg's debut album, *Between the One & the Nine* (EMI), is in stores right now (maybe you've even seen the video for her single, "Inside"), but it wasn't too long ago that the 24-year-old was singing for spare change in a New York City subway station. With way-honest lyrics (check out "Treat Me Like Dirt"), a bluesy voice and a guitar style that brings legendary riffer Joan Jett to mind, it's no shock that Patti is getting tons of college radio play—the "Buzz Bin" of the airwaves.



music reviews

rating the discs

- Love letter from a secret admirer
- Juicy note from your best friend
- Random chain letter
- College rejection



George Michael

Older (DreamWorks)
Apt title, Georgie boy: *Older* is, like, way more VH1 than MTV. But supersophisticated it's not: The bulk of this

balladfest is about as deep ("There's a liar in my head, there's a thief upon my bed") as a Danielle Steel paperback. Thankfully, there are two booty-shaking dance tracks on *Older* (the single "Fastlove," and "Star People")—otherwise we would have lost faith. ●●



Yum-Yum

Dan Loves Patti (TAG/Atlantic)

Yum-Yum's first record is an oddball mixture of pop

tunes with playful lyrics and spacey orchestral sounds. Band leader Chris Holmes knows how to play 40—that's right, 40—instruments. Check out the tune "Doot-Doot"—it's a my-heart-got-stomped-on song with a surprisingly happy melody. But listen to "Dan Loves Patti" from start to finish because, well, it's totally yum-yum. ●●●●



Pete Droge & the Sinners

Find a Door (American)

Pete's got a new attitude since he sang "If You Don't Love Me (I'll Kill Myself)" on the *Dumb and Dumber* soundtrack. On *Find a Door*, he's crafted snappier arrangements and lost his grim outlook on the L-word. Check out the boppy "Wolfgang," in which Pete sings, "I'm just happy to be your man." Maybe he could give boyfriend lessons on the side. ●●●

Also listen up for:

Blues Traveler (A&M): *Live From the Fall*: BT's first-ever live album is a two-disc set filled with their trademark sound—lots of guitar, harmonica and a few grooves that are bigger than John Popper (their ultraround lead singer).

The Cure (Elektra): *Wild Mood Swings*: Grandfather of goth Robert Smith goes through wild mood swings of his own on this erratic—occasionally even goofy—disc.

Rhythm of the Games (LaFace): Boyz II Men, Tony Rich, Mary J. Blige and Tevin Campbell are just some of the artists in the house to celebrate the 1996 Olympics. —Kim Ahearn