

# Mp3 Blue Background - Are You Listening



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Blue Background blends pop with a melodic rock styling under serene, crisp vocals. Citing many different musical styles, the band easily defines itself with catchy pop tunes on their new EP called Are You Listening? 7 MP3 Songs POP: with Live-band Production, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: In the beginning Blue Background were the only rock band in a scene infiltrated with the metal and hardcore music of their midwest hometown, Fort Wayne, IN. After a few months of performing with bands their own age, Blue Background realized that they wanted something more than playing basements and parties. By the time they were 15 and 16, they began playing clubs and bars with musicians twice their age. Although Blue Background's fan-base and success have grown, one thing has remained the same since the beginning - their drive and determination to make the best music they and to play their music for any and every person that will listen. Still in their teens, and while balancing school with writing and performing, Blue Background won grand prize in the FAME Battle of the Bands contest held annually in their hometown. Not satisfied with local success only, the band packed up and went to SXSW in Austin Texas where Maverick Records tapped them to showcase for the "Unlisted Tour" with national headliner Michelle Branch. In 2001 the band released their first EP titled "Out of the Basement" which they produced themselves. Writing, recording and producing their own record gave the band much needed prospective on what it takes to make a commercial record that can sit on a retail rack but still maintains the band's musical integrity. Since then, the band has cultivated a unique mix of rock and punk/pop music with energetic live shows that have garnered the band an ever-growing fan-base and critical acclaim. After high school, unsatisfied with what Indiana had to offer, Blue Background moved to Milwaukee, WI. From that point they began to tirelessly tour the midwest's biggest cities - including Chicago, Minneapolis, and Detroit. Subsequent releases include 2003's full length Paperbacks and Photographs and 2004's "Are

You Listening" EP, which the band is promoting regionally at colleges, clubs and through in-store performances. Continuing to evolve and wracking up accolades like an endorsement from Daisy Rock Guitars, placing in the Independent World Series of Music and national 1 800 CALL ATT Battle of the Bands finals; Blue Background has also opened for seasoned national acts like Story of the Year, The Academy Is, Everclear and Ryan Cabrera. Blue Background were also picked to play Milwaukee's Summerfest in 2004 and 2005 with acts like The Donnas and Death Cab for Cutie. In the ultimate show of approval from industry experts, the Wisconsin Area Music Industry Awards presented Blue Background with the 2004 People's Choice award. In 2005, the band was recognized again and were nominated for "Pop/Adult Contemporary Artist of the Year" and "Best Female Vocalist" for singer, Sarah Mick. Blue Background are currently playing frequent shows and continuing to write new music. They will be recording their 4th record in early 2006. The as of "untitled" CD is due out in spring 2006. Look for more of Blue Background in 2006. Are you listening?

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