

Mp3 Charm School - Tomorrow Is Today



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Co-ed band blends old-school new-wave and modern power pop with airy lead vocals, catchy hooks, and tasty harmonies. 10 MP3 Songs POP: Power Pop, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: Charm School is an Atlanta-based four piece that plays catchy guitar pop. The band's first full-length record, Tomorrow is Today, was released April 15, 2004. The band formed in 1999 with original members and front-women Mary O. Harrison and Jenny Hutton at the helm. Completing the quartet are Govind and Raj Dixit, dubbed by Creative Loafing as "Atlanta's finest identical-twin Indian rhythm section." Lead singer and songwriter Harrison's musical roots stem from a childhood immersed in the Beatles and an adolescence set to the sounds of Squeeze and Blondie. After various adventures in theater and writing (Harrison teaches English and drama), she bought her first guitar in 1998 and began playing with lead guitarist Hutton. According to Harrison, "We would sit out on the porch of my tiny apartment and play whatever songs we'd figured out by ear that day or whatever I had just written. I started writing songs almost immediately on the guitar-it just came naturally." Hutton began playing guitar at age 12 and played drums in her first band, a swing outfit called the O-Tones, at the age of 14. "I never really pictured myself as a lead guitarist, but we needed one in Charm School, so I figured I'd give it a shot," says Hutton. Her playing style is often noted as one of the more distinct and engaging elements of Charm School's music. In August of 2003, immediately following Charm School's Atlantis Music Conference showcase, the band's then bassist Jeff Thompson left Atlanta to accept a professorship at Wake Forest teaching art history. Thompson plays bass on the album and continued to be involved in its production during the fall. While the group took some time off from gigging to focus on recording, drummer Govind Dixit spent several months in Chicago. Now Govind is back in Atlanta, and his brother Raj has joined the group on bass. Charm School's Tomorrow is Today was recorded at BelAir Studio in Athens, Georgia, with producer and

engineer Jason NeSmith (of Athens band Casper and the Cookies). NeSmith also engineered and co-produced the band's 2002 EP release, Career Day.

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