Mp3 Gabriel Mann - Tug Of War



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Modern-rock band offering a soulful blend of intelligent lyrics and piano-driven, powerful pop melodies. 10 MP3 Songs ROCK: Modern Rock, POP: Piano Details: L.A.-based trio Gabriel Mann delivers an epic sound: modern rock music with intensity, intelligence, and depth. At its heart is lead singer, songwriter, and pianist Gabriel Mann of San Antonio, Texas. Mann studied classical piano from a young age, began writing songs in junior high, and ultimately majored in composition at the University of Pennsylvania. After moving to Los Angeles and performing with various groups, Gabriel formed the band as an outlet for his own music, recruiting bassist Michael Blanchard and drummer Adam Marcello. Their debut album Tug of War features 10 infectious tracks combining lyrics that speak from the heart with hook-laden grooves. On the surface the songs are simple, yet they resonate with a deeper meaning. Gabriel explains: "'To the Wire' is about a small instance, like going on a date and not knowing how far you can take it... and then expanding that situation into the biggest emotional experience you can imagine. 'Someone Else For One Day' sounds bright and poppy, but has darker undertones." Lyrically, Mann draws on personal experience, as well as on his observations of those close to him. "Gabe brings us nearly finished songs and the three of us will filter, flesh out and complete them," adds Blanchard. Mann's power lies in his unique voice and piano style. "I play piano like a percussionist - I pound on it and pour all my energy into those keys," he says. Blanchard's melodic bass-playing is grounded in the groove tradition, and with a college major in voice, he helps create the soaring harmonies that are a band trademark. A graduate of the Berklee College Of Music, Marcello's agility and precision behind the drums is perfectly matched with his musicality and grace. The band's influences range from Elton John and Peter Gabriel to The Police, Elvis Costello, and Tool: "These artists have struck a chord with each of us, and we carry the spirit of their music as we carve our own musical path," explains Marcello. With Tug of War released November 4 and

distributed at Borders stores across Southern California, the band is ready for the next step. "We have a unique opportunity and a great team around us. We're just grateful for what we have today and we're looking forward to what lies ahead."

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