



Tegan and Sara
The Con
(Sire)

On Tegan and Sara's fifth album, the twisted sisters of Calgary allowed a few foreigners into their studio to help tenderize their indie-pop sound, notably Death Cab for Cutie alumni Chris Walla (co-producer) and Jason McGerr (drums). The result is remarkable, to say the least—especially in the spooky/spectacular vocal-heavy tracks “Back in Your Head” and “Relief Next to Me.” Unlike their 2004 album, *So Jealous*, *The Con* adds a sonic sophistication that confidently fuses elements of electronic, punk and folk music. Although the two misses on the album—“Soil, Soil” and “Knife Going In” (which sounds like a bad Metric B-side)—may have some believe the twins have watched way too many Christina Ricci films, jewel-in-crown songs such as “Like O, Like H” and “I Was Married” indicate that there's no telling what kind of gold this tune-savvy twosome will create next.

—ELIO IANNACCI

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