

BIOGRAPHY

DANCER VS POLITICIAN

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DANCER VS POLITICIAN is Sanni Baumgaertner, a Berlin native who has made a home for herself in Athens, Georgia, USA for the past 10 years. She moved to Athens in the late 90s, where she started performing in different bands around the Southeast. Sanni plays accordion, guitar, and musical saw. Produced by **Matt Yelton (The Pixies, Frank Black)**, **Andy Baker (The Glands, Azure Ray, Shannon Wright)**.

Influenced by Nico/The Velvet Underground, Belle & Sebastian, Neutral Milk Hotel, Sanni's sound moves between lush arrangements of strings, horns, glockenspiel, clarinet, musical saw, layered with electronic undertones and vintage keyboards.

DANCER VS POLITICIAN are gathering a following in the USA where they recently completed a radio PR campaign with **Team Clermont (Lonely, Dear, R.E.M.)**, as well as being invited to play at this year's SXSW festival. Excellent press reviews and solid radio play, along with numerous tour dates across the States have ensured that DANCER VS POLITICIAN are one to watch. This trend is set to continue in the UK and Europe with an interview in The National Student already planned.

The album is set for release in late October (exact date to be confirmed), with a two week UK tour to take place in support of the release in November.

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Idolator

File under "things I pulled out of the promo pile because I'm a sucker for allusions to Broadcast": The Athens-based vocalist/singing saw player Sanni Baumgaertner floated between college-town Georgia and Berlin for a few years, and the results are audible in the album she recorded under the name Dancer Vs. Politician. It's airy and delicate—a chiming glockenspiel here, a gentle push from an accordion there—and Baumgaertner's vocals transform words from both languages into giant, down-filled pillows, even when they're filled with the harshest consonants and glottals. Besides, the tagline on the band's MySpace page is "We love violas," and how can you disagree with that sentiment?

The Devil Has The Best Tuna

Dancer Vs. Politician is the pseudonym of singing saw player (!) Sanni Baumgaertner a German native who moved to Athens, Georgia in the late 90s.

Sanni, the tenderoni of Tom Wait's soundalike Don Chambers, sings in both English and German and, for those monolingualists out there, even though you may not always understand the lyrics it sounds so beautiful that it really doesn't matter.

With influences including The Velvet Underground, Belle & Sebastian, Tom Waits and Neutral Milk Hotel and a fragile and finespun sound that floats like finest chiffon on a warm summer breeze, Dancer vs Politician is a perfect antidote for the worldwide financial turmoil, a bolthole to escape from the wall to wall news coverage of a world spinning wildly out of control.

Check out the dazzlingly delicate 'Justin Fairborn' which sounds oddly like an ethereal cover of Babybird's mid 1990s hit 'You're Gorgeous'.

"A wondrous masterpiece; like a Nico album performed by ghosts and angels. Find it, buy it." **Stomp and Stammer**

"Nice, smart, mature, soft, introspective pop tunes that emphasize Sanni's understated and provocative voice" **Babysue.com**

"Sweet indie-pop, richly layered with strings, horns, accordion, glockenspiel and Sanni's soft voice" **Rocksellout.com**

"An excellent example of how music is the universal language" **Performer Magazine**

"A folksy-cabin lounge sense à la Goldfrapp's Felt Mountain" **Slug Magazine**

"Has the instrumentation to turn her whispered ballads into dynamic pop orchestrations" **The Needle Drop**

"Recommended!" **Indie Surfer**

"Gentle intertwining of stringed instruments backing Sanni's lilting voice with horns, accordion, and glockenspiel might just serve as her musical *auf Wiedersehen* to her country of birth." **Tiny Mix Tapes**

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 <p>The CD cover features a woman with blonde hair wearing a fur coat, looking out of a window. The background shows a shop named 'Hütte'. Text on the cover includes 'DANCER VS. POLITICIAN', 'Justin Fairborn', and 'Live at WNCW'. A barcode is visible on the left side.</p>	<p>Justin Fairborn Single CD/Digital</p> <p>Track 1 Justin Fairborn Track 2 Live at WNCW</p> <p>Cat Number MONO 001CD Label Mono Music Release Date 10/08/2009</p>
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