



# SPIN

The bowler hat is back: Dresden Dolls

## THE DRESDEN DOLLS

Yes, Virginia ★★

*ROADRUNNER*

**Cabaret eccentrics go pro with mixed results**

After an opening slot on last year's Nine Inch Nails tour, the theatrical Boston punk duo of singer/pianist Amanda Palmer and drummer Brian Viglione were primed for an alt-rock breakout. But on this second album, they burden their appealing, childlike take on Brechtian cabaret's cold raunch with so much lush production from Sean Slade and Paul Kolderie (Radiohead, Hole) that it's as though Palmer is being drowned by a gallon jug of overpriced perfume.

*MATTHEW WILDER*

**DOWNLOAD:** "Dirty Business,"  
"Shores of California"