

## Music Notes

# Fresh **SOUNDS** Four new bands to keep you rocking into the new year [by Chelsea Ida]



Check out the Dresden dolls synth pop album (PHOTO COURTESY OF DRESDEN DOLLS)

### Dresden Dolls

#### **Quirky synth-punk duo**

**Location: Boston, Mass.**

The Dresden Dolls are like nothing else. This is one band no one can label generic or tired. Dresden Dolls is comprised of vocalist and pianist Amanda Palmer and drummer Brian Viglione. The general sound is something like a rock-influenced Vaudeville show. If you can imagine a blend of Cabaret style and make-up with the Violent Femmes, you have a general sketch of Dresden Dolls.

The band's live performances are nothing short of

carnal eroticism — something that comes across quite well on their self-titled album (8 Ft. Records). The lyrics are emotional and always have a story line and the powerful piano punctuates the occasionally volatile words.

**Final word: The Dresden Dolls will make your head spin. Nothing short.**