

## IT'S ONLY ROCK'N'DOLLS

Move over the White Stripes: the latest American rock duo sensation is the Dresden Dolls. Amanda Palmer (piano, vocals) and Brian Viglione (drums) have opened for Beck, Jane's Addiction and the B-52's, and scooped a bag-full of awards in the US. It's piano-led music that borrows from rock, goth, punk, opera and Brecht, but 'basically, it's rock with a cabaret flavour to it,' says Palmer, 28, who met Viglione, 25, at a Hallowe'en party in 2000 in Boston, their hometown. 'At the start, the costumes raised eyebrows. We're from an era when showmanship was frowned upon, but the fans love it.' The Dresden Dolls play at Cargo in London on December 7 to promote their self-titled debut album.

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