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THE DRESDEN DOLLS

Yes, Virginia

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*Life's still a cabaret for
Bostonian duo.*

With their goth-friendly 2004 debut, The Dresden Dolls brought a theatrical touch of Weimar-era Germany back into pop music. Pianist-vocalist Amanda Palmer and drummer Brian Viglione live in a world where Christopher Isherwood and Sparks jam together at The Kit Kat Club and their panstick-and-fishnet theatrics make them stand out. It should all be as fake and sticky as one of Liza Minnelli's eyelashes, but thanks to Palmer's uninhibited conviction on the likes of Backstabber and My Alcoholic Friends, the Dolls tighten their musical corset with beguiling style. VICTORIA SEGAL

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