

# Newsletter

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## Attwenger tour the USA

With a wild mix of folk, punk and hip hop, Attwenger are certainly one of the most exciting and talked-about formations in the Austrian music scene. For over two decades the Upper Austrian duo consisting of Markus Binder (drums, vocals) and Hans-Peter Falkner (button accordion, vocals) has been taking listeners on a cross-genre thrill ride. Playing with languages and mixing genres is Attwenger's name of the game. In the course of their development, the band engaged in various adaptations of traditional folk music combined with Austrian dialect. Elements of punk, hip-hop, blues, break-core and drum'n' bass contributed to the typical Attwenger sound, which has emerged as a unique mastery of central European folklore.

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## Noise-Pop Cosmopolitans: Bensch

Austrian indie-noise-pop of the more sophisticated and in-depth kind will be hitting the stage with Bensch on the 22nd of March 2012 at the Canadian Music Week in Toronto. Bensch, aka Benjamin-Zsolt Zsombori, is a highly talented singer/songwriter who delights fans and critics with wonderful and exciting music ranging from beautiful pop melodies, electronic experiments and a formidable art claim.

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## Austrian Indie-Folk at the Tallinn Music Week: Diver

Once an insider's tip, the Austrian indie-folk formation Diver has now been able to gain a considerable reputation at various prestigious European festivals. The self-titled EP they released last year already hinted that this is a band that truly understands how to produce first-rate songs at the highest level. With their recent release "Kites" (Schönwetter Records), Wolfgang Bruckner (vocals, guitar), Stephan Ebert (guitar, vocals, melodica) and Olaf Schuberth (guitar, vocals, piano) have now launched their first full-length album packed with catchy melodies, which enfold complex and surprising arrangements paired with sensitivity and a subtle melancholy.

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## Amadeus Austrian Music Awards: The Nominees are...

The nominees for the 12th Amadeus Austrian Music Awards have been announced. This kicks off the start of the race for the coveted trophy. The ceremony of the Austrian Music Awards will take place on Tuesday, the 1st of May 2012 at the Viennese Volkstheater and broadcasted on TV by PULS 4 at prime time. With awards in eight genre categories and five general categories, the Amadeus is able to present a broad spectrum of creative work in the local music scene.

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