## STREET SCENE

## Marcy Playground singer swears off acting with snakes



Hit record: Marcy Playground – from left, drummer Dan Rieser, singer/guitarist John Wozniak and bassist Dylan Keefe – performs Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre in Detroit in support of its self-titled debut, which spawned the hit "Sex and Candy."

One thing Marcy Playground fans will never see is lead singer John Wozniak co-starring with snakes in a music video. It was bad enough appearing with a tarantula in the video for "Sex and Candy" he said.

"It was OK until the thing rawled down in the hole with me," Wozniak said with a laugh about the seene in which he's sticking his head through a hole. "It was a really nice spider named Frederiquea, but it's still a tarantula. I don't like snakes. I'm never gonna do a video with snakes in it."

The blase video is the perfect accompaniment to the relentlessiy addictive yet blase hit single "Sex and Candy" to the relentlessiy addictive yet blase hit single "Sex and Candy" to the perfect aboudir slipper hanging from an archway, Wozniak and bandmates drummer Dan Rieser and bassist Dylan Keefe digging through a lingerie drawer and the infamous spider symbolizing innocence.

the infamous spider symbolizing innocence. The video by Jamie Caliri, who was also behind the leas for Soul Coughing's Super Bon Bon' and Morphine's 'Early to Bed,' was just the way Wozniak wanted it, he said. "Most of them (the other director's treatments) were really boring. There was a pretty girl walking down the street. You see her walk into a cafe. You follow her. They do a pan-up shot from her high-heel shoes. We naturally gravitated toward anything that wasn't that."

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"Sex and Candy" topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart and receives constant airplay on stations like CIMX, WPLIT, WNDG and WKRK. That's something that surprises. Wozniak.

"It's my little stupid song that I wrote in my bedroom. It seems really weird to me. It had the same motivation that is behind all the songs that I write - I like to write music," he said.

"I was just up late writing and realizing it was a love song, which I don't write a lot of. I just don't feel like writing a lot of love songs. There's no reason to at this point. I wouldn't be very good at it. There's a lot of other people who could write better love songs."

When he realized it was a love songs, it was "a little late in the game. My goal was to make it not suck, it be as less bad as possible, he added with a laugh.

Instead, Wozniak, whose vocal style resembles Neil Young's, tackles subjects like suicide ("One More Suicide", frag thuse ("The Vampieres of New York") on its acoustic-based debut.

"I write atypical pop lyrics. I'm a storyteller and a writer and one of the things I pride myself

on is being able to tell a story within 20 lines of the song," said Wozniak of "Marcy Playground" which clocks in at 34 1/2 min-

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"I crave that in music when I listen to other bands. I don't get it a lot of the time. (The alternative band) Built to Spill has the uncanny ability to inspire great feelings of joy in me because of the lyrics and the way it's structured and put together."

Marcy Playground, Everelear and Fastball, perform Tuesday, June 9, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The show is sold out. Doors open at 8

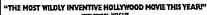
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Amey, a 1994 Livonia Stevenson
High School graduate who
attends Michigan State University, is one of five national finalists in the Lilith Fair Emerging
Talent Stage contest.

The winner is chosen through
popular vote on the Levi's web
page, http:// www. levi. com, to
which the nominees' web pages
with biographical information,
photos and sound clips are
linked. Voting began June 3 and
the winner will be announced on
June 10. The prize is a spot-on
the first date of the Sarah
McLachlan-created tour, June
19, in Porland, Ore.
Amey recently released the CD
Nothing to Say' and it is available at Cuppa Joe Coffeehouse,
26061 Town Center Dr., Novi,
where she performs at 8 p.m.
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at part of Lilith Fair at Pine
Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township.

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