


**Beach House**  
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**Teen Dream** *Sub Pop*  
**Baltimore duo create serious drama out of echo and swirls**



THE TITLE'S AT least half-right. Buoyed by reverb-swathed guitars and the dusky torch singing of Victoria Legrand, Baltimore's Beach House have been the dream-pop duo to beat since 2006. They're more radiant than ever on their third disc, particularly on songs like "Zebra," with background chorales swooping over stately guitar plucking. The band is enraptured by the grandeur of Phil Spector and Brill Building teen pop, but there's no puppy love in the romantic fatalism on these songs ("You would slip from my mind," sings Legrand, "in a matter of time"). Beach House's dreams, and nightmares, are for adults.

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**Key Tracks:** "Zebra," "Lover of Mine," "10 Mile Stereo"

