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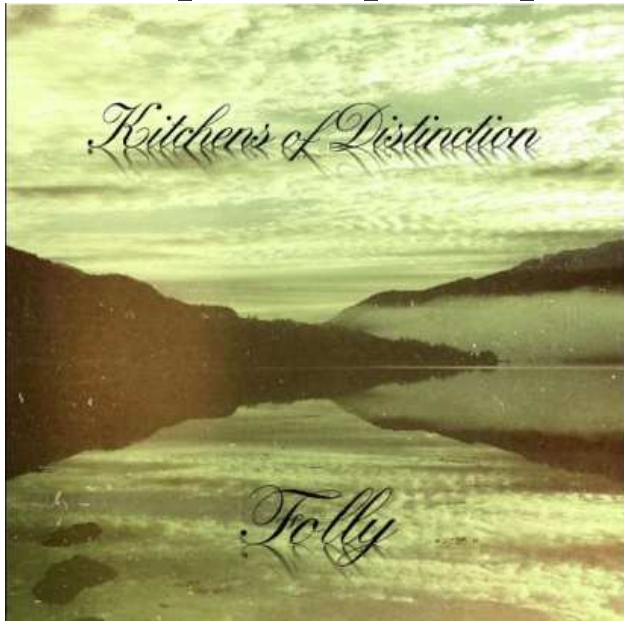
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2013, as if you needed reminding, has been an excellent year for reunions and new work from long-dormant bands. The latest is Kitchens of Distinction, returning with *Folly*, their first album in 19 years—a follow-up to 1994's *Cowboys and Aliens*. KOD were an underexposed cult act

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almost from the moment they emerged on the South London scene in the mid-80s, with an openly gay front man in Patrick Fitzgerald and dense, bracing lyrics about killing Margaret Thatcher; one hopes that the world has finally caught up with their cheeky-bitter brand of cool.

*Folly* continues the band's tradition of outsize, windswept jangle, always sounding like music to be performed at the edge of a precarious cliff battered by cold surf—it would come as a great shock to learn that the members of British Sea Power didn't prize the tingle and soar of their nervy guitars. And where peers like Echo & The Bunnymen slid into arena-rock bloat with age, KOD still sound enviably young. Single "Japan To Jupiter," for example, is a Stardust-Bowie homage you'd swear was contemporary.

Would be great to see these guys playing live together, but I'm holding out for one of the secret gigs they sometimes did in drag as Toilets of Destruction, churning out ABBA and Bauhaus covers. Again: do your thing long enough and it's bound to become fashionable.

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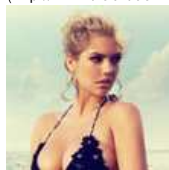
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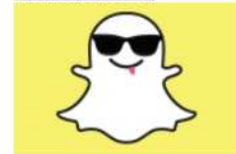


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