

Sign In or Sign Up

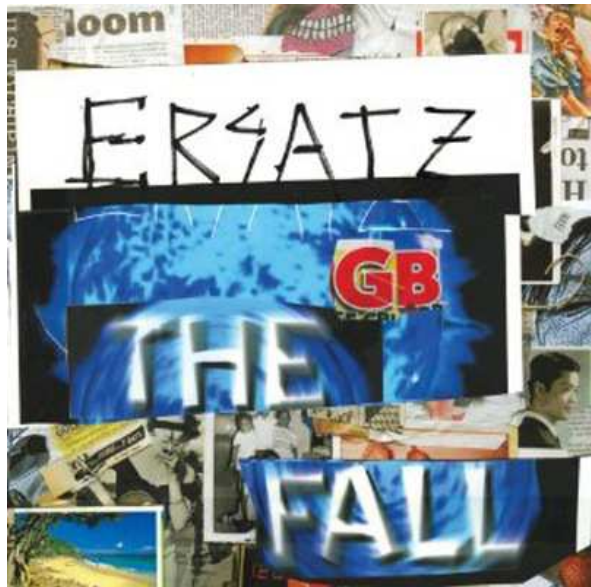


HOME THINGS TO DO FOOD & DRINKS **MUSIC** ADVOCATE/WKLY BEST OF 2011 WCCT-TV/CW BLOGS DEALS CONTESTS

Home > Entertainment > Music News And Commentary

## CD of the Week: The Fall's 'Ersatz'

Comments 0 Share 0 0 Tweet 0 Recommend



(Album cover.)  
By John Adamian  
3:43 p.m. EST, December 13, 2011

**The Fall**  
*Ersatz GB*  
(Cherry Red)

Band names are funny. So short, so vague, so suggestive. With the Fall — the imposingly weird and long-running English post-punk band fronted by surly surrealist Mark E. Smith — you get the feeling that the name doesn't have anything to do with something so quaint as autumn. Rather, and I'm just guessing, the subject of humanity's mythic fall from Eden, booted out by God, seems more like it. These are very postlapsarian jams. The music is a jagged sonic bed, or maybe a murky swamp, over which Smith can intone — mutter? slur? — his absurd, but still poetic, rants. Smith sounds at times like a drunk whose first language isn't necessarily English. The record title seems to be a jab at the phoniness that Smith perceives in Great Britain. "I'm so sick of the Snow Patrol," he coughs at one point. He bends, crushes and drags syllables: "friend" becomes "fray-uh-undt," and "man" becomes "may-uhn." Sometimes he punctuates things with a low growl, or a throat-clearing, maybe even a loogie-hocking. Like Captain Beefheart, this is music that many will hate, but it's very entertaining all the same.

Copyright © 2011, WTXS-TV



Comments 0 Share 0 0 Tweet 0 Recommend

« Previous Story

More Music - News And Commentary

Next Story »



10 cool Spotify playlists for the holidays



Justin Townes Earle @ Daniel Street - Tonight, Thu. Dec. 8



### More Music News



The End of Daniel Street: The venue that put Milford on the map closes



30 winners a pile of kick-ass albums from 2011  
The Advocate's Kick-Ass Albums of 2011



Concert Review: WHY? and Serengeti at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford

More Music News

### Upcoming Shows



The best shows in (or near) Hartford this week



Heart of Gold: Mountain Heart performs on Jan. 6 at Infinity Music Hall & Bistro

Upcoming Shows & Interviews

### The Blood of the Lamb

## Comments (0)

[Add comments](#) | [Discussion FAQ](#)

Currently there are no comments. Be the first to **comment!**



A new Christmas album by ... John Zorn?



The Oxford American's 13th Annual Music Issue: Incredible



Merle Haggard to Play CT

The Blood of the Lamb - CT.com's Music Blog

## Most Viewed Stories

1. **New Year's Eve on Allyn Street - Hartford**
2. **Maxim New Year's Eve Party @ Red Lulu**
3. **25 Connecticut Twitter Users You Should Be Following**
4. **First Night @ Bushnell Park, Hartford**
5. **Theaters adapt to the age of Twitter**
6. **Health & Fitness Guide 2012: Fail-Proof Your Life**
7. **Why I hope Ron Paul wins Iowa but only Iowa**
8. **Cheesy '80s Rock Songs Everybody Secretly Loves**
9. **Rumors, 'Rats' and Retaliation: East Haven racial profiling scandal having statewide impact**
10. **10 cool Spotify playlists: music from "Drive," end credits from every episode of "Entourage"**

## Albums



CD of the Week: My Brother the Wind, 'I Wash My Soul in the Stream of Infinity'

[More Albums](#)

## Ear Might



Ear Might: Our music picks for Middletown's splashy First Night event

[Ear Might home](#)

## Photo Galleries



Jingle Jam @ the XL Center



Photos: Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds at the Oakdale Theatre, 11/19/11



The 10 Greatest Britney Spears Videos

[More Photo Galleries](#)



# The Gift of a Beginning



**CT.com** on Facebook  
Like 351



**New Haven Advo** on Facebook  
Like 3,532



**Hartford Advocate** on Facebook  
Like 6,148



**Fairfield Weekly** on Facebook  
Like 2,444



## What's happening with **CT.com and the Advocates**



**MikeHamad** how long until "Mitt Plus Eight" becomes a meme or something?  
15 minutes ago · reply · retweet · favorite



**BriannaLSnyder** "Face/Off" is on HBO! Who can think about Santorum at a time like this!  
9 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite



**MikeHamad** RT @nickrizzo MT @mcpli: Paid media \$/vote so far: Santorum \$1.65, Bachmann \$8, Romney \$113.07, Gingrich \$139 Paul \$227, Perry \$817.  
10 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite



**MikeHamad** Geez, Huntsman's got 299 votes. That's 10x fewer than second-to-last place Bachmann. #iowacaucus  
12 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite



**MikeHamad** "RickRonRom" is easier to say than "RickRomRon."  
12 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite



Join the conversation





**DINNER & A MOVIE**

**PARTHENON DINER**  
374 EAST MAIN ST.  
BRANFORD, CT

**EXIT 55 BRANFORD**

[HOME](#) [THINGS TO DO](#) [FOOD & DRINK](#) [MUSIC](#) [ADVOCATES/WKLY](#) [BEST OF CT 2011](#) [WCCT-TV/CW](#) [BLOGS](#) [DEALS](#) [CONTESTS](#)

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Advertise on CT.com](#) | [Career Opportunities & Internships](#)

*A Tribune Broadcasting website*