

California Wives Releases Debut *Art History* LP on 9/4

"Chicago new-wave aesthetes California Wives caught our ears...this morning." - *Pitchfork*

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Chicago new-wave quartet **California Wives** has announced the release of its debut *Art History* LP, out on September 4 with **Vagrant**. The band worked with producer **Claudius Mittendorfer** (**Interpol**, **Neon Indian**, **Wild Nothing**) for the eleven tracks that present a cohesive gallery of modern-day pop portraits framed with a retro '80s fit.

"I felt like I was asleep for years," says California Wives' lead vocalist / keyboardist **Jayson Kramer** of his decision in 2009 to leave behind a promising career in medicine for a professional go at music. "I was completely honest with myself for the first time in my life and recognized that I had no desire to go on with medical school." Around this time he moved back to his hometown of Chicago where he was introduced to drummer **Joe O'Connor**, and bassist **Dan Zima**. It was via their shared appreciation of music and compatible chemistry that California Wives was formed in 2009, with the current lineup being cemented in 2012 upon the new addition of lead guitarist **Graham Masell**.

The new *Art History* LP follows the band's 2010 EP *Affair*, which won over local and national press, with **My Old Kentucky Blog** raving, "*This could be the next buzz band everyone is talking about.*" **Joy Division** / **New Order**'s **Peter Hook** also took notice, appointing the band to open his headlining set at The Light at Chicago's Metro Cabaret. After appearances at local **North Coast Music**, **Wicker Park Fest**, **Taste of Chicago**, and **Tomorrow Never Knows** festivals last year, the band will tour nationally behind the release this fall. More details to come.



Art History Tracklisting

1. Blood Red Youth
2. Tokyo
3. [Marianne](#)
4. The Fisher King
5. Los Angeles
6. Photolights
7. Purple
8. Better Home
9. Twenty Three
10. The New Process
11. Light Year

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