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Billy Talent, Metric Woman Bring New Releases

Canadian punk-revivalists BILLY TALENT will release *Billy Talent II*, the follow-up to their 2003 debut, on June 27th. The album, which features energetic tracks like "Devil in a Midnight Mass," "Surrender" and "Red Flag," was recorded in the Vancouver studio of fellow Canadian BRYAN ADAMS and includes thirteen socially conscious punk rock tracks . . . EMILY HAINES, frontwoman for Toronto four-piece METRIC, will release her solo debut, *Knives Don't Have Your Back*, September 26th. The album, in contrast to the energetic, New Wave-inspired sound of Metric, finds Haines singing over subtler piano, horn and string arrangements. JUSTIN PEROFF of BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE, EVAN CRANLEY of STARS and METRIC's JIMMY SHAW all contributed to the project, which includes the titles "Our Hell," "Doctor Blind," "Crowd Surf Off a Cliff" and "The Maid Needs a Maid."