

**THE RIGBEES' "AM RADIO COMPANION" REVIEWED
AND SELECTED AS PHILADELPHIA WEEKLY'S
FIRST "EDITOR'S PICK" OF 2003**

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PHILADELPHIA, PA, JANUARY 2nd, 2003 – The Rigbees *AM Radio Companion* was selected by *The Philadelphia Weekly* (www.phillyweekly.com) as the first "Editor's Pick" of 2003 in conjunction with the band's sold-out performance at the prestigious Tin Angel in the band's hometown of Philadelphia.

Both the article and the band's sold-out Tin Angel (www.tinangel.com) performance bode well for a band that is planning on touring regionally and beyond in 2003 in support of *AM Radio Companion*. A full transcript of the article follows:

"Though brightly adorned with shorthand pop/rock clichés—both lyrically and sonically—The Rigbees' self-released *AM Radio Companion* is rescued from rock-lite mediocrity by a combination of bright-eyed earnestness, downright catchiness and what sounds like genuine talent. Whether by design or not, the Philly five-piece basically bridges the gap between 'XPN (WXPN 88.5 FM, the University of Pennsylvania's public radio bellwether station) and Y-100 (WPLY 100.3 FM, "Philadelphia's New Rock" station), wearing influences that could just as easily be Son Volt, Pearl Jam, Pete Dinklage or all three. "Wide Open" is radio-ready in its instant familiarity and slight overproduction, "Sweet Jesus" has already been featured on World Café and the closing cover of Simon and Garfunkle's "Flowers Never Bend With The Rainfall" is unabashed boomer balladry. Guided by jangle and twang, the songs hold a contagious charm, whether you feel embarrassed by the band's harmlessness or relieved by its lack of pretension. Admittedly, The Rigbees have opened for Train and would do it again, but as long as these guys don't approach that Grammy-swiping act's level of bloated blandness anytime soon, their songs will make the airwaves just a bit more bearable."

(Doug Wallen - PW)

The RIGBEES are a Philadelphia, PA based band that offers driving, energetic and heartfelt pop-rock as a backdrop for refreshing, original songs about Everyman's pursuit of truth, beauty, happiness and fulfillment. Please visit www.rigbees.com for more information, an online press kit and song samples.

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