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## PAPERCRANES

*Let's Make Babies In The Woods*

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*Hollywood sibling makes her subdued return.*



**Papercranes' one** permanent member is Rain Phoenix (sister to actors Joaquin and the late River) whose musical past includes singing with R.E.M. and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. There's no indie celeb backslapping here, though; Papercranes' second album is a sparse and downbeat collection, aspiring to the small-hours sadness of Hope Sandoval and early Cat Power, a guesting Flea adding unobtrusive bass and mournful trumpet. The results are occasionally lovely – *Dust Season* evokes a lonely waltz in a frontier-town bar – but Phoenix's wisp of a voice lacks the emotional power to sustain the mood throughout.

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**DOWNLOAD:** *Dust Season* // Synapses