



superfallingstars

Swimming across the Sound

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★ **superfallingstars** will spend the summer developing new material, recording a second album and planning a **Fall tour**.

★ **superfallingstars** is:

John Jacobsen (JJ): vocals, bass
William Knapp:

drums and percussion

Mike Sembos: vocals, guitar

"superfallingstars has in its brief, learn-by-playing-live history, cemented a sound that would make other bands gnash their teeth with jealousy. . . the music [is] punchy and tight, the songs short and exhilarating." Brita Brundage, *Fairfield County Weekly*

"superfallingstars is ram-shaking, jangly indie. That's the way I like it." Martijn Grooten, *think small* (www.thinksmall.nl)

superfallingstars' first full-length release makes official the underground buzz about this indie pop trio from Connecticut. In the past year, the band has proved that success can result from a trial-by-fire approach to playing out after practicing for only a few weeks. Somehow, this formula has resulted in local performances opening up for Pansy Division, Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, Mr. T. Experience and Mates of State.

Swimming across the Sound invokes memories of childhood, hanging out in high school and love lost and found amidst upbeat pop tempos and harmonies that lock in your head. The songs open with catchy guitar and intricate bass lines, featuring delicate and quiet vocals that end with a bang.

The lyrics written by JJ and Mike run the gamut from introspective relationship confusion to the happy summer ballad, "The Fall." In the album's title track, "La Playa Song (Swimming Across the Sound)," Mike captures the feelings of an enthusiastic toddler jumping up and down on the beach in the opening lines, "Hey! Come here and see!" The album ends with **The Smiths'** song, "Please, Please, Please (Let Me Get What I Want)," a short and unique rendition ending with beautiful and harmonizing vocals. Sometimes, achieving what you want is like wishing upon a falling star.

The members of **superfallingstars** grew up in Connecticut, not far from the lulling beat of Long Island Sound upon the beach. William transforms his hard-core drumming roots into a kinder, gentler realm, but still drives the band with a strong foundation and an occasional tambourine. JJ, who was often seen making extra beer money with his acoustic guitar during the college days, culled his talents playing in bands from coast to coast, finally settling back in Connecticut. Sembos has charmed the scene in several local bands and accumulated enough relationship-oriented baggage to fuel several albums worth of music.

Swimming across the Sound was recorded on a four-track in a remarkable feat of D.I.Y engineering. The album was recorded, mixed and mastered in William's basement and living room and the vocals were done at the "momdo" (JJ's mom's condo, of course).

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