

The year of the Rabbit



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In an era of disposable pop, it's reassuring to know that some bands still trundle towards success in a van, at a glacial pace.

Formed in 2003, Frightened Rabbit originally consisted of Selkirk student Scott Hutchison. He added his brother Grant on drums in 2004, guitarist Billy Kennedy in 2006, Andy Monaghan on keys last year and multi-instrumentalist Gordon Skene in October for their third album, *The Winter of Mixed Drinks*, out next March.

PICK OF THE WEEK

FRIGHTENED RABBIT, ABC, GLASGOW, TUESDAY

They've meandered from hushed lo-fi to bombastic, orchestral folk-rock while Hutchison dissects his break-ups in a sonorous Borders brogue.

After tirelessly playing small venues, they are on the verge of big things. They have graduated to bigger venues, such as this shindig at the ABC, and their 2008 effort *The Midnight Organ Fight* was among NME's albums of the decade. It seems 2010 could be the year of the Frightened Rabbit.

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