

Critical acclaim for

The New Pornographers'

The Former Site Of



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**NEW MUSIC FRIDAY:
THE BEST ALBUMS OUT MARCH 27**
"sweeping and magical"



**9 SONGS WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT THIS WEEK**
"Strong new albums this week"



**HARRY STYLES, TY DOLLA \$IGN,
YEBBA, AND ALL THE SONGS YOU NEED
TO KNOW THIS WEEK**
"THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS, SPOOKY ACTION"



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"The veteran Canadian indie rockers survey the wreckage on their 10th album, contemplating the end of empire and the stubborn persistence of faith in stylish, somber, elegiac songs."



**THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS
GET REFLECTIVE ON NEW ALBUM
THE FORMER SITE OF**
"The epic, ambitious title song...strikes a nerve lyrically."



**EXISTENTIAL FEAR AND SOCIAL
COLLAPSE MARK THE FORMER SITE OF
THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS**

"The Former Site Of is all too aware of what most of us are feeling like these days, and rather than acting as a distraction or rebuttal to the state of the world, it invites us to look straight at it...It attempts to find the beauty in the darkness, the solace in the sadness, and the reasons for hope amid the evidence for despair...It's as though the band is trying to rise above all that's come before, and then providing a cathartic howl of hope."



**INDIE BASEMENT (3/27): THE
WEEK IN CLASSIC INDIE, ALTERNATIVE
& CLASSIC ROCK**

"ALBUM OF THE WEEK: Synths and new lyrical focus from Carl Newman help make The New Pornographers' 10th album their best since *Brill Bruisers*"



**ALBUM OF NOTE OUT THIS WEEK
STEREOGUM**

BEST NEW SONGS
"The New Pornographers have always had a knack for making nostalgia feel electric, but 'Ballad of the Last Payphone' hits a different kind of nerve. Less giddy power-pop, more slow-burn meditation, the track leans into melancholy with acoustic strums, ghostly pedal steel, and vocals that swirl like a memory you can't quite shake."



**THE FORMER SITE OF
- THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS**
"As a lyricist, Newman's smart couplets still have the ability to dazzle."



**WEEKLY MUSIC ROUNDUP: MARY IN
THE JUNKYARD, RUIDO TOVAR, AND
THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS**
"One thing the band has consistently done over the years is to make big, expansive pop, with catchy hooks and lyrics as evocative as they are elliptical."



**THE BEST ALBUMS OF MARCH 2026;
THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS
- THE FORMER SITE OF**
"It's thoughtful and well-crafted, a record that knows what it wants to say."



**3 NEW ALBUMS OUT THIS WEEK
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO NOW:
COURTNEY BARNETT, SNAIL MAIL,
& THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS**

"one of their most somber yet compelling albums in years."

"Standout Songs: 'Pure Sticker Shock,'
'Spooky Action,' and 'Votive'"



**@THENEWPORNOGRAPHERS HAVE
CLAIMED A NEW TITLE.**

"The band released its 10th album, *The Former Site Of*, and it's so good that @steven_hydenwriter has officially crowned them the most underrated band in indie rock until they get their proper praise. 🙌"

