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**Kimya Dawson** *Hidden Vagenda*  
 Kimya's melodies and voice are beautiful, lots of her lyrics are spot-on psychedelic, and I dig the wind-through-trees hiss of her lo-fi recordings. But something about her irks me. What is she now, in her 30s? And she's still singing about getting teased in gym class? Come on. —Kate H.

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**Frog Eyes** *The Folded Palm*  
 You might think that after a few albums' worth of teetering folk songs, where lead singer *Chris Mearns* sounds alternately like Winnie the Pooh's old Latin prof—

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**R. Kelly** *Happy People/U Saved Me*  
 Hooray! R. Kelly is dropping a double CD. But, whoops, one of them, *U Saved Me*, sounds like a desperate gospel-tinged cry to the parole board. If this represents his new direction, there's only one thing to say...please go back to your old ways. Just don't get caught on videotape. —Annebet