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Tina Dico- *In the Red*
Producer *Chris Potter*
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'Tis the season for Zero 7 female graduates to release their own solo projects. First came Sia's "Colour the Small One." Now along comes "In the Red" by Tina Dico, the voice behind the sublime Zero 7 track "Home." For her full-length debut, the Danish Dico picks up where her 2004 EP "Far" left off. "In the Red" is an emotional journey, with themes of heartbreak and love leading the way. Unlike Sia, who revels in mood and ambience, Dico prefers a decidedly folk/pop approach. But prepare yourself: This is not a one listen record. It takes more than a couple of spins for songs like "My Mirror," "Losing," "Head Shop" and the title track to work their magic. Throughout, producer Chris Potter, who has worked with the Verve, Blur and Richard Ashcroft, keeps the focus on the fine instrument that is Dico's voice.

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