

# Love in October

Pontus, the Devil,  
and Me ★★★

MUSIK GROUP

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Led by the Swedish-born, Minneapolis-based brothers Erik and Kent Widman, this quartet balances well-wrought emo tunefulness (the could-be hit "A Day in the Life Of") with onslaughts of guitar and rhythm (the angular "Viva la Revolución"). But they're at their best with winningly revved-up power pop like the childhood reminiscence "Circa 1989" or the fleet sing-along "Find Me Sunshine." Singer/guitarist Erik's vocals have a smiling wistfulness, and the music is meticulously crafted (with assistance from Get Up Kids drummer Ryan Pope and producer Ed Rose). With Motion City Soundtrack all grown up, these boys are next in line. *JAMES HUNTER*