

# BITS & PIECES

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## PENELOPE ROBIN

### REMINDS YOU TO ADOPT

Eleven-year-old singer Penelope Robin – her new song is “Some Girls” – recently teamed up with animal rescue 100+ Abandoned Dogs of Everglades, Florida, and fashion photographer Akram Soliman to promote the #AdoptYourBestie initiative.

In a recent interview with *Relate Magazine*, Robin talked about the project: “I love animals like crazy so I am very much passionate about helping them.” Robin’s songs “Little Bitty Heart,” “Lollipops,” “LIT,” and “Sigo Soñando” have become YouTube hits.



## ELAN TROTMAN: A SALUTE TO MARVIN GAYE

Sax salutes sexy soul on Elan Trotman’s *Dear Marvin*, a collection of 10 of Marvin Gaye’s best-known songs that dropped on April 2 – which would have been Gaye’s 80th birthday. Preceding the set’s arrival is the single “Got To Give It Up,” a vibrant reboot of one of Gaye’s funky dance tracks that ranked as #1 most-added single on the *Billboard* chart when it was released.



## ‘PRETTY, SHINY’ KASSI: ASHTON IS COUNTRY’S HOT NEW STAR

Kassi Ashton, a rising star in Nashville, unveiled a new music video for her song “Pretty Shiny Things.” The stylish piece features Ashton beautifully made up, lying on a stage surrounded by glass trinkets and mirrors, with a melancholic color palette that matches the emotional lyrics of the song. The lyrics depict the pressures young women face to be perfect on the outside, despite what they are experiencing on the inside.

“In our society, it feels like we’re forced to evaluate our reflection everywhere we turn, always waiting for a confirmation from someone else that we are enough,” said Ashton. “Putting that, and something so personal for me, into a visual is a weird task. I wanted it to feel real, not forced. (Director) Kristin Barlowe helped me so much in marrying what I wanted artistically with the real emotional monologue.”



## Pinky Pinky: They’re Back Back

The Los Angeles-based trio Pinky Pinky have returned with a new single, “Do Me Dirty (Charlie).” It’s the first offering of new music from the band following their *Hot Tears EP*; the new song showcases the band’s growth as well as a more fully realized vision for their music. While staying true to their sound, the new track holds a more self-assured approach weaving together acoustic guitar, tropical drum patterns, and twinkling triangle notes.

Pinky Pinky is vocalist and drummer Anastasia Sanchez (20), guitarist Isabelle Fields (19), and bassist Eva Chambers (19). They’ll perform on June 10 at *Rough Trade* in Brooklyn.

## The Texas Horns:

### Sizzlin’ On Disc & On The Road

Severn Records has signed The Texas Horns, and will release their label debut album, *Get Here Quick*, on May 24. Comprised of Mark “Kaz” Kazanoff (tenor sax), John Mills (baritone sax), and Al Gomez (trumpet), The Texas Horns are one of the most in-demand horn sections for both recording sessions and on tour with some of the biggest names in the roots music world. Now, they get a chance to strut their collective stuff on their own album of blues, soul and roots music, backed by an all-star group of supporting musicians. Special guests on *Get Here Quick* include singers Curtis Salgado, John Nemeth, Gary Nicholson, Guy Forsyth, and more roots stars.

