



# The Circus & the Sea

by The Dowry

## PRESS:

"First impressions mean everything. I get this CD in the mail and look at the cover and realize that it is not some glossy booklet. It is just a sheet of paper with a design of a flower on it. With further inspection it seems that each cover was hand printed and numbered. To put that much time into making each individual booklet really shows something about the label and the band. They really believe in what they are doing. From the start I knew they deserved an in depth listen. As for the music, this sh't plain out rocks. Aslan play a folky styles indie music akin to DAVID DONERO and older BRIGHT EYES. After listening to it a couple of times, this could definitely fit nicely on early Saddle Creek or Crank catalogue. The lyrics and vocals mix very well together and make songs feel complete. For a band I had never heard of before, Aslan has slowly become one of my favorite and most played bands of 2005. Many bands can create a sound like this, but there are very few that can do it this well." - AMP Magazine (Aslan "Shipwrecked EP")



**The Dowry**

(L to R) Matt DiLeonardi, Jonathan Damery, Sean DiLeonardi, Philip Damery

## Tour:

- 05-18-07- Peoria, IL at The Dunn Center.
- 05-19-07- Champaign, IL at Canopy Club (Void Room).
- 05-21-07- Denver, CO at JC's Ground.
- 05-22-07- Boulder, CO at The Laughing Goat.
- 05-23-07- Omaha, NE at Mick's.
- 05-24-07- Overland Park, KS at PT's Coffee.
- 05-25-07- Hays, KS at Cafe Semolino.
- 06-06-07- Peoria, IL at Jukebox Comedy Club.
- 06-08-07- Iowa City, IA at Java House.
- 06-14-07- Pekin, IL.
- 06-15-07- Kankakee, IL at The Whatever.
- 06-21-07- Metamora, IL at Old Settler's Days.
- 06-30-07- Peoria, IL at The Whitney Winkler Wedding Reception.
- 07-13-07- Chicago, IL at Uncommon Ground.
- 07-14-07- Bloomington, IL at Rhino's.

## Publicity and Radio Promotion:

See Thinker Thought Records contact to request a record for your station and/or magazine.

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## Biography:

Somewhere between a spaghetti western bar fight and an old silent movie, the music of The Dowry finds an appropriate backdrop. With an affinity for traditional inspirations such as folk and blues, The Dowry translates their passion into a modern medium with an expansive use of instrumentation.

Formerly known as Aslan, the guys released the Shipwrecked EP with Armada in Flames Records in 2005, which they subsequently sold out of since then. They have had the opportunity to share the stage with great names such as Denison Witmer, Unwed Sailor, Early Day Miners, Fear Before the March of Flames, Scouts Honor, The Forecast, Spitalfield, Emery, Dead Poetic, and many others.

With the new name in effect, The Dowry has completed recording their first full-length record—*The Circus and the Sea*—a thematic album which narrates the tale of a lonely and desolate sailor searching the seas for aesthetic truth and someone to share his sorrow with. The album promises to explore the band's interest in instrumental experimentation, while holding true to the blues, folk, and indie roots that define them.

Jared Grabb of Scouts Honor sings guest vocals on "Pleasure Island."

**Similar Artists:** Murder By Death, David Bazan, Damien Jurado, Bright Eyes, Rocky Votolato

**THI 012 – The Dowry**  
"The Circus and the Sea"  
13-song full-length CD  
Thinker Thought Records

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**Radio Ad Date: June 12, 2007**



1. Intro
2. Cigarette
3. The Waltz
4. Three Graves for Evelyn
5. Solomon
6. A Military Ghost
7. What We've Thus Discovered
8. Pleasure Island
9. O, Murderer
10. Painting Graves
11. Catch Our Death
12. Belly of a Whale
13. A Premonition Concerning the Animal Kingdom

## Distribution:

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## Releases:

"The Circus and the Sea"  
Thinker Thought Records 2007  
"Shipwrecked EP" Armada In Flames  
(released under previous name, Aslan) 2005

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