

## Winterpills – Bio

Waterpills is a quartet based out of Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley. The quartet is composed of Philip Price [lead vocals, acoustic guitar], Flora Reed [harmony vocals], Dave Hower [drums, percussion, background vocals] and Dennis Crommett [electric guitar, background vocals]. Price's musical history dates back to the 1980's and the punk band Memorial Garage, followed, chronologically, by the pop aggregations Feet Wet and The Maggies, the alt. country combo Gay Potatoes and, prior to the Winterpills, a couple of solo acoustic efforts. Flora Reed was born in Japan, lived in Alexandria, Virginia for a time, returned to Japan, then Germany and completed her high school years back in the States. Her father adored music and Flora grew up listening to the songs of Cohen, Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel. She went on to attend St. Mary's College in Maryland and began her musical career there, later settling in Northampton, Massachusetts. A self-confessed Bjork fan, Flora self-released a Dave Chalfant [Erin McKeown, The Nields] produced solo CD, **"Settle Down"** in 2003. The album closed with Bjork's "Joga." As a youngster Dave Hower sang in the St. Luke's Church Boys Choir and appeared in a Connecticut Opera Company production of Bizet's "Carmen." Currently a citizen of Northampton, he has performed with The Nields, Dar Williams, Erin McKeown, Beth Amsel, Flora Reed and Jess Klein, and is a member of Spanish for Hitchhiking as well as Winterpills. Dennis Crommett is also a member of Spanish for Hitchhiking – they released a recording titled **"The Starling"** during 2003 - and Winterpills. Furthermore, Crommett is a solo singer/songwriter and is, in late 2005, set to release the solo album **"The Evening Sorrow."**

While there are three songwriters in Winterpills, all of the material on their November 2005 self-titled debut release was penned by Philip Price. Nine of the ten tracks on the album were recorded/engineered by José Ayerve [Pernice Brothers, Dennis Crommett], the other by Dave Chalfant, while Ayerve, leader of indie rock band Spouse and the side musical project The Nuclear Waste Management Club, is the credited producer. The Massachusetts based label Signature Sounds issued their debut recording.

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