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Lymbyc Systym, Head Like a Kite

(High Dive) Austin's Lymbyc Systym craft wonderful, wordless mazes of shoegaze marked by pretty chimes, mellow beats, and the occasional fantastic moment when all the simple layers come crashing together (listen to the song "Truth Skull" for a good example). The band boast the same well-mannered vibe as former tourmates the Album Leaf, whose Jimmy LaValle has done a remix of their song "Fall Bicycle." Head Like a Kite's sound is brighter, faster, and features lyrics, but the local duo are just as electronically inclined. Their songs will make you work up a sweat, then Lymbyc Systym will ease your heart rate back to normal.

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