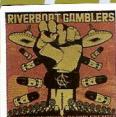




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RIVERBOAT GAMBLERS
To the Confusion of Our Enemies
(Volcom Entertainment)

I hear Riverboat Gamblers was the band to beat at South by Southwest, and their live show made everyone else look like Yanni. Since I'm a sucker for good rock 'n' roll, Riverboat Gamblers is my latest fix. They are raucous, balls-out, high-energy punk rock from beginning to end. I was a fan out of the gate with "True Crime" and stayed on through the entire disc. These guys aren't top 40 punk, so if you're ready for the real deal, then Riverboat Gamblers are your thing. "Biz Loves Sluts" and "On Again Off Again" also stood out. — JEANNIE LONG