

CROSS COUNTRY



BIO

Cross Country started in early 2014, as the homegrown guitar-pop project of Ezra Saulnier. After an initial basement show with drummer John Clooney, the band began cycling through members, eventually coming to include Ezra, John, Thom Meyer, and Emily McColgan. Thom joined the band on Halloween 2014, after Ezra recognized him as the kid from his algebra class with the Dino Jr. shirt. Though Emily was the last member to join, she and Ezra had previously lived together, running a show house in Oxford, Ohio where the band honed their chops by frequently opening shows.

One home-recorded EP and a solid two years of shows later, Cross Country is ready to present *Trials*, their first release featuring the current lineup. Recorded live in Philadelphia to 2" tape, *Trials* zips through eight songs in twenty-two minutes, indebted to forefathers such as Television & the B-52's as well as the modern garage-pop of Bradford Cox. While the title is in partial reference to the growth of the project into a full band, in which each member steps beyond a supporting role, it also alludes to the character the band has picked up while cultivating weirdness in their off-normal college town of Oxford. Cross Country is bruised, and at times naive, but the singularity and unlikeliness of their origins position them a step ahead of more fickle, fashionable peers.

Limited to 350 clear cassettes, Cross Country's *Trials* is out September 16th as part of the Infinity Cat Cassette Series, curated by Casey Weissbuch.

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