

Blitzen Trapper

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Destroyer of the Void

Sub Pop

**Flannel-clad folk rockers
make prairie epic**



No indie band tells better campfire tales than these flannel-clad Oregonians: They have been singing vivid folk-rock odes to horse-stealing and wolf-wrestling since their 2003 debut. Here, they get epic – tracking a prodigal son who battles hurricanes and dragons before becoming . . . a suit tailor. Trading low-fi ruggedness for gorgeous Americana pop, they conjure Dylan circa *John Wesley Harding* and proggy ELO but with bong-stoked epiphanies all their own. “You were hand in hand with the black-eyed angel of the evening star,” intones singer Eric Earley, but the music is a sweet ramble-tamble. **MELISSA MAERZ**

Key Tracks: “The Man Who Would Speak True,” “Evening Star”