

New Music: Mi Ami: "Echononecho" [Stream]

Photo by Jonathan Snyder

San Francisco's **Mi Ami** are carrying the same calling card that a lot of bands are liable to wave in 2009: drum-centric punk with Afro-pop leanings, punched up with noise and lo-fi experimentalism for good measure. And that's not a slight, for this band who caught our attention with an excellent remix of Telepathe's "**Devil's Trident**". Two years after the dissolution of their D.C. punk outfit Black Eyes in 2004, guitarist and vocalist Daniel Martin-McCormick and bassist Jacob Long started Mi Ami, adding drummer Damon Palermo in 2007 to round out the trio. "Echononecho" comes from the A-side their new 12" of the same name, and dares to make sense of their MySpace's awesome-yet-dubious name-checking (Minutemen and Don Cherry both get shout-outs). The track is no doubt jammy, sounding something like Ponytail tripping out on last year's **Nigerian Special** compilation complete with dubby bass grooves, banshee yowls (yes, that is apparently Martin-McCormick on high-pitched vocals), and squealing guitars rising from a primordial soup of polyrhythms. As for the debut full-length *Watersports*, consider our interest piqued.



[from the "Echononecho" 12"; out now; also from *Watersports*; due 02/19/09; both on **Quarterstick**]

Posted by Zach Kelly on Tue, Jan 27, 2009 at 11:00am
