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### >>> LOURDS

There's a certain audacity that's attached to a young band that places a song titled "Fuck" on its [myspace.com](http://myspace.com) page. Yet there's also an air of aplomb and intellect that embodies New York-based rock quartet Lourds. Its namesake lead singer howls and growls, but she's a musical prodigy who played Carnegie Hall at age 6. Lourds also possesses some wickedly dexterous hands, as exemplified when she plays an amplified violin and mandolin. The act's song "Victory" is airing during ESPN's coverage of women's basketball, and the group recently performed as part of Billboard's "Underground" series at the Knitting Factory in New York. "Fans run the spectrum of emotion, from fighting back tears to screaming to exaltation to out-and-out laughter, because in our set we move from pissed off to pensive, from quirky to flirty, from torn to triumphant," Lourds says. Contact: Lourds, [lourds@lourdsmusic.com](mailto:lourds@lourdsmusic.com)

—Chuck Taylor