

**STREET DATE:**  
January 25th 2005

**FILE UNDER:**  
Rock

**FOR FANS OF:**  
Gang of Four, Franz Ferdinand,  
Interpol, New Order

**Catalog #/ Format:**  
DM076-CDEP  
DM076-12"



**Track Listing:**

1. Tulips (Original Version)
2. Tulips (Club Version - remix by Minotaur Shock)

\* Enhanced CD w/video

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# BLOC PARTY

## TULIPS CDEP/12"

Bloc Party unites the finest elements of post-punk energy, pop song craft and dance floor throb, and imbues it with genuine feeling. Similar to the soul-bearing electro-pop sounds of TV On The Radio and the Postal Service, Bloc Party's songs are built around cleverly crafted pop hooks, synth chirps, sequenced loops and real drums. The expressive musicianship of drummer Matt Tong, guitarist Russel Lissack and bassist Gordon Moakes, and the urgent - almost desperate - vocals of guitarist/singer Kele Okereke has hijacked the cold, calculated rigidity of all that we've come to expect from such instrumentation.

The accompanying video on the CD single for "Tulips" was shot at the Dim Mak showcase at the Knitting Factory in New York City and in Los Angeles at the label's release party for Bloc Party's self-titled debut. Directors Tim Sutton and Charles Spano intercut live film footage to create a split screen of the band's energetic shows.

"Tulips" is one of the band's finest songs. It mixes the ethereal haze of fabled Manchester groups like the Stone Roses and New Order with the infectious hooks of Echo and the Bunnymen and Franz Ferdinand. Beginning with the driving pulse of a vintage drum machine and distantly chiming guitars, the song gradually builds as Moakes lightly plucks a seductive bass line and Tong's drums come thumping in on top of the sampled beats. Lissack and Okereke's guitars float throughout, saturated with delay effects, creating the sense of complete immersion in the rhythmic sway.

It's one of those moments of pure emotional daring in song that is a rare find. Cynics among us might be put ill at ease by the song's candor, but that's just what Bloc Party is here to do: start the revolution.

### SELLING POINTS

**FUTURE** - Bloc Party's full length, *Silent Alarm*, will be released by Vice/Atlantic and Dim Mak.

**PRESS** - The Fader, Filter, NME, Billboard, Dazed and Confused, NY Times and many more.

**TOUR** - past dates with Interpol, Franz Ferdinand; festivals in Leeds, Reading (UK), Summer Sonic

**RADIO** - Top 50 in CMJ Charts, Top 30 Specialty Charts, No. 28 on the singles Billboards (UK).



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