

# People weekly

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... **OWL CITY**

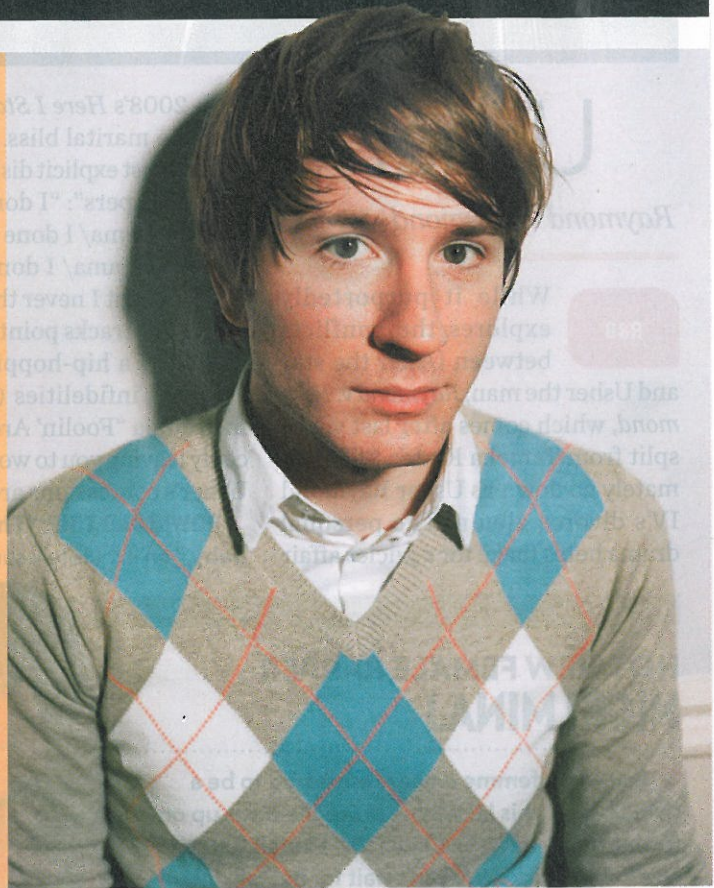
● The “Fireflies” guy (a.k.a. Adam Young), 23, starts a U.S. tour for *Ocean Eyes* March 30.

**ON HIS OWL CITY ALIAS** I was browsing online and saw that name. It had a mood, a ring to it. It’s a silly little thing and makes me smile. [If I went by Adam], I think I’d be like, “Everyone stop saying my name!”

**ON JUMP-STARTING HIS CAREER** Two years ago I lived with my parents in their basement in southern Minnesota. While they were gone for a weekend, it was a good time to be loud and obnoxious, so I wrote these seven songs that became the first Owl City EP. I put them on MySpace, and kids discovered it.

**ON “FIREFLIES”** That song kind of wrote itself, honestly. It’s about finding inspiration when I can’t sleep at night. My insomnia is a blessing and a curse.

**ON THE REVENGE OF THE NERD** I remember people making fun of me in high school. Now those people want to go eat at Applebee’s. —**LESLEY MESSER**



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