

10 Museum-Worthy Music Videos, From Bright Eyes to R.E.M.

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Jonathan Wells — co-curator of "Spectacle: The Music Video," opening March 3 at the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati, Ohio — selected 10 exceptional videos from the show to share with ARTINFO. Read his thoughts on the videos in our slideshow, and watch samples from each clip below.

A great music video combines music and moving image in a package that transcends its individual elements. These 10 videos, when considered together, can give insight into the extensive exhibition "Spectacle: The Music Video" we are preparing to open at the Contemporary Arts Center. "Spectacle" presents the genre's role as an important and influential art form in contemporary culture; both its antecedents and likely future; and its place as a fertile playground for creative experimentation.

— Jonathan Wells



Grizzly Bear "Ready, Able" (2009) Directed by Allison Schulnik WATCH

Allison Schulnik is a painter, sculptor, and animator. "Ready, Able" is the second of her short film collaborations with Grizzly Bear.