

**Blame Sally**  
**Night of 1000 Stars**

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On its fourth album, *Night of 1000 Stars*, Bay Area quartet Blame Sally combines lush electric and acoustic instrumental textures with sensuous harmonies and intriguing original compositions. Producer Lee Townshend gives the record a burnished sheen that sometimes buries the group's folky textures in dense layers of ambient sound. However, this approach suits the material, which includes the contagious Eastern-tinged "Buddha," the exotic Middle Eastern vibe of "Vera Chiesa," and the anthemic anti-war title tune. (MP)

