

Happy Smiles

new album



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“Veselye Ulybki” / “Happy Smiles” is t.A.T.u.’s third^[1] studio album.

After parting with Universal Music in 2006 and touring Russia as well as playing a set of gigs abroad, in spring 2007 **Lena Katina** and **Yulia Volkova** started to record new material. They worked in Germany, the US (Los-Angeles) and in Russia. The release of the new album should have been in December 2007, but Yulia Volkova was expecting her second baby, and it was decided to hold the album until the second half of 2008.

Meanwhile t.A.T.u. released two singles - “White Robe” and “220”. The biggest radio stations refused to play the songs because they “didn’t fit the rest of the playlist”, but videos for these tracks became the most discussed works of Russian musicians not only in their own country, but also in the world and made t.A.T.u. the only artists, whose videos in Russian language were taken in heavy airplay by Eastern Europe music TV channels (Viva Poland, MTV Poland, MTV Baltic, MAD TV Bulgaria, MAD TV Greece). Both videos got into **The World Chart Express of MTV Europe** in March and in August 2008 respectively.

In May 2008 t.A.T.u. released the most unique maxi-single in band's history - hyperion-plate “Belyi Plaschik”. The uncensored version of “Belyi Plaschik” video became the main bonus of this double-disc edition. Despite the fact that “Belyi Plaschik” single was available in shops only from 20 May, it appeared on 15th line of **Billboard Russia** magazine May Album Sales Chart.

“Veselye Ulybki” / “Happy Smiles” is 12 songs, born during 3-year-long silence.

For almost a year a working title of the album was “Upravleniye Otbrosami” / “Waste Management”. But a month before the release - for the sake of ironic smile of those, who understand -the title changed. The essence, however, remained.

Among “Happy Smiles” contributors there are beginners, who were lucky to appear in the right place at the right time (such as **Masha Maksakova**, a 16-year-old school girl from St. Petersburg; she wrote the lyrics “Belyi Plaschik” is based on). There’re also professionals (**Billy Steinberg**, an author of the songs for Madonna as well as t.A.T.u. smash hit “All About Us” (2005)); **Valery Polienko**, the author of the lyrics for “Ya Soshla S Uma”, “Nas Ne Dogonyat” (2001), “Obesyanka Nol” (2005); **Sergei Galoyan**, a composer of “Not Gonna Get Us”).

In 2009 “You and I”, a movie directed by **Roland Joffe**, should be released. t.A.T.u. songs from the “Happy Smiles” album will be featured in its soundtrack.

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[1] t.A.T.u.’s second LP **Ludi Invalidi / Dangerous and Moving** was released in 2005. **LUDI INVALIDI** got platinum sales in Russia. t.A.T.u. were voted **Band of the Year 2006** at **MUZ-TV National Music Award**.



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