



## JESSE MALIN

### Glitter in the Gutter

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**SINGER/SONGWRITER:** Perhaps what Jesse Malin suggests with the title *Glitter in the Gutter* is to find hope under any circumstance. Considering this former punk rocker's roots and his contemporary transient life of rock 'n' roll songwriting, Malin's history and discography is well adjusted to capture life's little ups and downs in song. Crafted in such a way that can apply to the masses, his storytelling isn't limited

to his New York state of mind. For this latest indie-vibe album, Malin went to Los Angeles to record and was joined by equally engaging artists. Bruce Springsteen's vocals complement a tale of days gone by on "Broken Radio," while Foo Fighters' Chris Shiflett adds his guitar talent on "Prisoners of Paradise." And of course, expect guitar accents courtesy of Malin's longtime co-conspirator Ryan Adams, plus some vocal backing by Jakob Dylan. As a stunning little slice of life record worth indulging in, it's full of feeling and depth not often found so genuinely in contemporary attempts of commercial pop, nor the alternative emo genre. The songs are written with poetic realism that commands responses of sadness, desire, happiness, and passion. Gritty and sublime all the same, *Glitter in the Gutter* is a walk on the upsides of life's downsides. ~ *Christian Cipollini*