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## Silverchair

Young Modern

(Eleven/ILG)

*Rock*

Even during their days as teenagers in a second-string '90s grunge act, these Aussies had a knack for turning out memorable hooks. Still, the transformation they've pulled off for their first LP since '02 is fairly astonishing. *Modern* is a polished glam-rock suite, boasting more ecstatic melodies and colorful riffs than their four previous efforts combined. Frontman Daniel Johns' voice, once unremarkable, now soars from campy snarl to sensitive falsetto in mere moments. Here's hoping Silverchair's second act is just getting started. **A-**

—Simon Vozick-Levinson

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