

MODERN FIX

Jesse Malin
Glitter In the Gutter
(ABELINE)



You've gotta have pretty big balls to collaborate with artists like Ryan Adams, Jakob Dylan and The freaking Boss; that's got to be intimidating, no? Luckily for us, Jesse Malin's got a gnarly pair and a head full of tunes inspired by his beloved New York City. Malin crafts winsome barroom rock ballads over stumbling guitars and soulful beats, achieving true rock greatness on the Springsteen aided "Broken Radio" and the rollicking "In the Modern World". It would be easy to dismiss Malin as the poor-man's Ryan Adams (they have the same stylist) but he does enough here to warrant attention. Malin clearly spends a lot of time on his lyrics, crafting songs that flow together and tell a nearly cohesive story. "Glitter" may not be a homerun but it's definitely a triple, rife with rich imagery and catchy hooks.

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