

COLLECTOR'S THE MONTH IN REISSUES & RARITIES CORNER

JESSE MALIN

★★★★½☆

Mercury Retrograde

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WHY YOU SHOULD CARE:

Former D Generation frontman Jesse Malin's spent most of this decade recording as a solo artist, straddling the line between edgy rocker and sensitive singer/songwriter.

WHAT'S NEW: Nothing, as it's Malin's first-ever live album. The disc, recorded during two nights at the Mercury Lounge in New York City in December 2007, does contain a nice balance of music and stage banter, though.

IS IT WORTH IT: Totally. The recording quality is terrific and Malin tells some interesting stories in between songs. [RL]