

# Entertainment WEEKLY

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## Cake

*Showroom of Compassion*

ROCK (UPBEAT)



It has been more than six years since the sardonic alt-rockers' last studio effort, but their sixth LP makes it sound like hardly

any time has passed at all. Lead singer John McCrea unspools dry observations in his usual deadpan tone over the synth squiggles, campy brass fanfares, snappy guitar parts, and crisp backbeats that have always been his band's signatures. The resulting confection tastes remarkably fresh, considering how few concessions it makes to contemporary trends. **B+** —SVL

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