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ALBUM OF THE WEEK

'Son of Rogues' finds treasure

Todd Rundgren's *Rolling Down to Old Maui* is an album highlight.

VARIOUS ARTISTS ★★☆☆
 Son of Rogues Gallery FOLK/POP
DOWNLOAD Bamboo (*River Come Down*),
Rolling Down to Old Maui, Sam's Gone Away

Famously eclectic producer Hal Willner's follow-up to 2006's *Rogue's Gallery: Pirate Ballads, Sea Songs & Chanteys* has a looser, more whimsical feel than its predecessor and boasts an even more diverse array of talent, including some intriguing combos: Shane McGowan with Johnny Depp and Gore Verbinski; Tim Robbins with Matthew Sweet and Susanna Hoffs; Angelica Huston with the Weisberg Strings. The 36 tracks include some missteps, but there also are evocative numbers such as Beth Orton's cover of *Bamboo (River Come Down)* and Marc Almond's *Ship in Distress*. Other artists put textural twists on the folky fare with inspired results such as Todd Rundgren's *Rolling Down to Old Maui* and *Sally Racket*, courtesy of Katey Red and Big Freedia with Akron/Family.

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