

## JACKSON UNITED



*Harmony And Dissidence*

**Foo Fighters sideman does what he does best.**



Before he was Dave Grohl's right-hand guitarist in Foo Fighters, Chris Shiflett played lead for skate-punk lifers No Use For A Name, so it's no surprise that his side project, Jackson United, offer up arena-sized hooks alongside roaring attitude. But given Shiflett's penchant for letting others have the spotlight, it's also no surprise that many of the songs are instantly forgettable. For *Harmony*

*And Dissidence*, Shiflett smartly enlists his fellow Foos (Grohl and Taylor Hawkins split drumming duties on the record) to give guts to brawn like "Black Regrets" and add a Clash-esque groove to "Damn You." It's all immature and inessential, though—except for the hook-laden "White Flag Burning" and the piano-laced skank-a-thon "Stitching," neither of which hit the heights of Foo, but could at least hold their own with the best of Jimmy Eat World. (ACETATE: [acetate.com](http://acetate.com)) Jeff Miller