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Jackson United

Title: Harmony And Dissidence

Label: Acetate Records

Year: 2008

Rating: ★★★★★

This record will get you rockin' in no time. Infused with the punk rock attitude mixed with straight up rock n' roll signified in their sound, Jackson United definitely has the chops and the talent to prove it. I was taken aback at first listen, finding out that Chris Shiflett actually has a voice beyond playing guitar for the Foo Fighters. I mean, all these years, I never knew he could actually sing let alone, lay down some very serious fretwork on both projects. I also love the fact that they throw in the group chants making for some great anthemic songs. Channeling a vast array of rock influences, 'Harmony And Dissidence' definitely has huge potential to rise above the rest and shine. Track 3 'Black Regrets' is most likely the best track on the record....among others that stand out like 'The Day That No One Smiled' and 'You Can't Have It.' With a little help from some known friends (Dave Grohl, Taylor Hawkins) manning the drum kit on different tracks, the album gets its boost factor and cherry on top. The record's sound quality is also a spectacle in itself capturing the clean tones, crispy driven guitars, bass, crystalized vocals, and the pounding drums. The band has put out an album that adds color to the **music** scene amidst the never ending sea of less fortunate bands clamoring to the top.