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JACKSON UNITED, “Harmony and Dissidence” (Acetate) ☆☆☆½ — When Chris Shiflett isn’t playing second fiddle to Dave Grohl in the Foo Fighters, he’s fronting an under-the-radar punk outfit of his own in Jackson United. He’s joined by brother Scott Shiflett (bass), Doug Sangalang (guitar) and drummer Joe Kid, though Grohl and Foo Fighters pal Taylor Hawkins are behind the kit on this fast-paced sophomore release.

Shiflett-penned guitar anthems such as first single “21st Century Fight Song” and “Black Regrets” make up the guts of this 14-track release, which includes a rollicking cover of Billy Bragg’s “Help Save the Youth of America” thrown in for good measure. Additional highlights include “White Flag Burning,” “The Day That No One Smiled” and “The Land Without Law.”

With the Foo Fighters as popular as ever, there’s no need for Shiflett to quit his day job. Though with Jackson United, at least he’s got something to keep him busy. (JS)