

# The Inquirer

## J.D. Malone and the Experts

This local band formed in 2009 and has just released its first album. *Avalon* follows in the line of sounds by American rock bands such as Creedence and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers (the only two nonoriginals on the two-disc CD/DVD set are by those bands), while also incorporating the kind of twang and harmonizing you might hear from the Everly Brothers or Foster & Lloyd. But it never sounds derivative. Front man J.D. Malone, formerly of Steamroller Picnic and a fixture on the Philly music scene, writes songs that grab you right away and then resonate deeply. The four Experts behind the singer-guitarist enhance the freshness and vitality with tight ensemble playing that also projects a live immediacy. In other words, a pretty impressive debut.

### - Nick Cristiano

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J.D. Malone and the Experts, with Rodger Delany, at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Tin Angel, 20 S. Second St. Tickets: \$10. Information: 215-928-0978.

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