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We're excited to announce *Punchline Magazine's* top 10 stand-up comedy albums as well as the one, most exciting up and coming stand-up comedian we think you should pay attention to in 2009. This list has nothing to do with record sales. This list simply represents the collective opinions of *Punchline Magazine's* editors. Enjoy.

#5 – ROCKY LaPORTE, Who Knew?

Ever since the premiere of his 2005 Comedy Central Presents, we've been impressed with Rocky. He was a guy we hadn't heard of and we wanted more. Now, the Chicago-bred comic released his first album with little fanfare. His drawn out Italian-American inflection contradicts what most would expect. Largely an observational comic, he barely treads on tired ethnic drivel and instead proves goofy premises and punch lines are still fun– and kind of charming. He plays up that's he's not intelligent, but clearly, LaPorte is one of the brightest comics working today. He'll never win over hipsters or alt-comedy nerds, but his position on this list is well deserved.