



Hiss Golden Messenger – *Jump For Joy* Press Highlights

★★★★ – MOJO

“Credit Taylor and his colleagues...for executing an effort that can easily be considered another major achievement for this ever-consistent combo. In a world beset by tragedy and turmoil, any cause to ‘Jump for Joy’ is clearly worthwhile.” ★★★★★ – **American Songwriter**

“...a whirlwind ride of rock and folk elements that is both playful and bouncy, with a lightness of spirit radiating throughout...” – **Rolling Stone**

“Hiss Golden Messenger’s best records always balance honeyed charm with existential weight, but here the ratio feels exactly right...” – **Aquarium Drunkard**

“There’s no shortage of excellent indie-Americana songwriters these days so it is easy to overlook M.C. Taylor and his now longstanding Hiss Golden Messenger outfit. But that’s not recommended.” – **Relix**

“...the lyrics support the sound and not the other way around...the loping rhythms are part of the positivity ‘Jump for Joy’ exudes.” – **Pitchfork**

“‘Jump For Joy’ is a panoramic, magical reverie in the sometimes-hard gift of a life in American music.” **8/10** – **Uncut**

“As a whole, the band seamlessly creates an Americana sound that’s both grounded and celestial....‘Jump for Joy’ often feels more like a question, rather than an answer—an ever-persistent quest to understand a little better, think a little deeper.” – **Glide**

“For the last two decades or so, Hiss Golden Messenger (comprised of MC Taylor and his bandmates) has followed a sonic calling to craft earnest, meaningful songs rooted in authentic experiences. Whether questioning the meaning of life, pondering the finality of dying, or chronicling the heart’s desire to be known, Taylor has always done so with beauty, integrity, and empathy. It’s why Hiss Golden Messenger’s songs have always been welcome company for the journey.” – **No Depression**

"On the surface at least, 'Jump For Joy' (Merge) is bandleader M.C. Taylor at his most, well, joyful. It also may be his most fully realized batch of tunes, and it's easily his least folky and most groove-focused—embracing R&B, reggae, new wave, and a jazzy, refined rock spin that brings to mind Steely Dan." – **Magnet**

"Decidedly different in sound than anything they have done to date, this is a record that has a vibe that is funky, dance-able, and it embodies an energy that only those who have caught the band live may have ever witnessed." – **Goldmine**

"This introspective album looks at life as an understanding of challenges stapled together with a reassuring sense of optimism and lucidness. This is a hugely exciting, overall fun album, with a lot to say and a lot of wisdom for fans to take on." – **MXDWN**

"There are twists and turns throughout 'Jump for Joy' that keeps the listener guessing at every lyric. It somehow manages to be a fun album, a smart album, and a groovy album at the same time. And sometimes, that's all you need to get through the day."
– **Concert Hopper**

"There are enough provocative lyrics and infectious hooks to keep this one on repeat for several rounds. One of our most vital roots bands, Hiss Golden Messenger, has clearly delivered one of their best." – **Making A Scene**

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