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Aaron Lee Tasjan

Get Over It, Underdog

(Blue-elan)

Aaron Lee Tasjan possesses an innate ability to turn his confidence into creativity. Every song on this exceptional new album seems to benefit from Tasjan's innate ability to mine melodies that make a remarkable first impression, be it through shimmering, seductive ballads such as "No One's Gonna Know," "Shiver," "The Dream Comes True," "Lydia's Boots," and the authoritative "Science Fiction," infectious yet articulate entries like "Lost & Alone," or the cool caress given "The Real." There's simply no question that Tasjan's made a masterpiece, an album so good it sets a standard as far as its pure pop perfection. These 10 songs effectively elevate Tasjan to a higher plateau where only the most accomplished artists are qualified to reside. From this point on, one should expect no less as far as his innate ability to make memorable music that resonates long after the final notes fade away. (aaronleetasjan.com)