

Mp3 Richard Thorne - Undercover Overachiever



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Eclectic alternative folk pop songs with quirky but catchy melodies and intelligent lyrics. 5 MP3 Songs

FOLK: Folk Pop, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: "With only five tracks, Undercover Overachiever is a pleasant collection of experimental folk songs. By "experimental," I mean the non-traditional melodies and Thorne's nearly-off-key voice. " Thorne's voice is possibly the best element of this nice mini-album."

Undercover Overachiever has an experimental feel about it. Perhaps it is this daring quality that makes this miniature album such a success. I wish there were more songs on this album. C.Nathan Coyle- Rambles, rambles 17 of May 2003 "Richard Thorne's Undercover Overachiever, again an EP with 5 songs. Richard has guest musicians Richard Doll on bass, Todd Eastland on drums and Bob Hofnar on pedal steel guitar. Richard heads the band on acoustic guitar and vocals and demonstrates his ability to write songs that don't all sound the same, a trap some writers tend to fall into. 'Honey's Back in Town,' the first song, comes out as lightweight easy listening pop. The next song, 'The Cross and the Shield,' has shades of what Richard Thompson might put out. 'It All Comes Back to You' has a firm country rock feel to it with the pedal steel guitar. Just to vary it a bit more track 4 will remind the older readers of Buddy Holly and the Crickets with 'Yesterday's Princess' I thought this and the last track ' Undercover Overachiever' the best on the album. This was an interesting album with some songs on it that other singers or bands might want to have a look at with a view to covering them in their own style." Peter Massey, The Green Man Review, Portland, ME. greenmanreview.com Throughout his life, Richard Thorne has habitually been inclined to embrace the more difficult approach, and to take the more circuitous and convoluted path, towards achieving certain goals. This is an euphemistic way of saying that he has spent much time, and many more years than he often cares to remember, in his quixotic and arduous pursuit of a modicum of recognition and success in the fickle world of the arts, most specifically,

music. Although he was born, and lived until the age of 16, upstate in what is often referred to as "The Finger Lakes" area of New York, he has been a longtime resident of New York City. He has been both an actor and a dancer, but it is music that has dominated his life. He has been writing and performing as a singer/songwriter/musician for over 25 years. "Undercover Overachiever" was recorded in 2000 after a six year "hiatus" from performing or writing music. The styles, as well as the themes of the songs vary reflecting his eclectic tastes and his penchant for writing narrative songs that create a certain mood and sometimes imbues them with a subtle political edge. The songs range in style from alternative pop to roots and non-traditional country.

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