

Mp3 Anthony Rapp - Look Around



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calling my music 'alternapop,' the closest label I could find that fits. "I'm lucky enough to be working with co-songwriters and producers who share my broad tastes -- Joe Pisapia, John Keaney, and Michael Corbett. They found a fantastic gang of musicians to make our songs as full and authentic and alive as possible. "I'm very excited about this new chapter in my artistic life, and I'm very much looking forward to seeing how people respond to my music." Anthony will be touring over the next several months to different regions of the country, appearing mostly at colleges and universities, playing original music and some choice cover tunes.

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