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DJ Jazzy Jeff
The Return of the Magnificent
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It seems like 365 days a year, an odd number released by a label that claims to have a sound so original (can it be)? Or is it just the season, on the back of the CD jacket, some hand written in cursive handwriting, something like “the next big thing,” or something to that effect.

About 364 times a year, these declarations turn out to be very, very empty.

Usually on these kinds of albums, the bigger name’s name will stand out on the cover to give their fans hope they will hear the songs they know and love, often with a brand new twist, or something else that might make them stand out. Generally, on this album, the rappers who make an appearance seem to be chosen more because they are friends of the rapper than because they have a marketable name. The biggest name is probably the half-brother of his-element Method Man: “Hold It Down,” (from which the album takes its name), which is a remarkable five-track EP where each song stands out as a separate track. Furthermore, each and every track—especially “TV War,” “Time Breaks Down,” and “Bamboo”—easily stands on its own.

This five-person band is reminiscent of Queen, Chillin’ and The Wise slyly, and adds a label with Alkaline, but in no way reaches a certain copy of any of these acts.

Musically, the group dynamic of this band is solid, which is how it should be—four of the five band members grew up together, with the fifth being a seasoned veteran of the music industry. Due to this closeness, the band seems well past the young-band stage of searching for a sound to define them. Bender Sinister’s songs are experienced and mature, and the vocals, the guitar riffs, and the drummer all get their respective time in the spotlight. Giving Bender Sinister some time on your playlist wouldn’t be a bad idea. This is one band that actually lives up to its own hype.

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EP
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Once in a blue moon, however, there’s actually merit in these claims, and a band like Bend Sinister come along and pleasantly surprise the jaded public. Blending prog, jazz, and eclectic rock, Bend Sinister lays down a remarkable five-track EP where each song stands out as a separate track. Furthermore, each and every track—especially “TV War,” “Time Breaks Down,” and “Bamboo”—easily stands on its own.

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Mason Casey
Sofa King Badass
Northern Music

Mason Casey, with his fantastic new album Sofa King Badass, promises to pick up where White left off, while delivering some pretty sweet blues.

With that voice and the harmonica, what’s not to like? Every song is carefully crafted to offer something unique. “That Time It Rained” has some interesting call-and-response action going on, “Don’t Find Our Love” runs along the same lines. He delivers his lines in such a low, smooth and sexy voice that it would be impossible for this former lover not to consider his request, even if only for a second. More than likely, the person would reply with “bow chicka bow wow.”

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