

ADELMAN'S *HENRY'S DINER* IS MAJESTIC

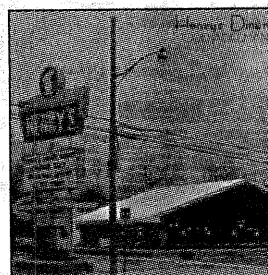
Todd Adelman

Henry's Diner

Independent

★★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Todd Adelman's *Henry's Diner* is, simply put, brilliant. The Nederland, Colo.-based songwriter conjures up moments of Bob Dylan, Gram Parsons and seems to be the twin brother of the Portland-based band Richmond Fontaine with this release. *Henry's Diner* is a collection of melancholy, semi-twangy story-telling that not only embraces but actually defines roots folk Americana in all of its glorious simplicity and simultaneous lyrical complexity. Adelman has hit the nail on the head here.



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TODD ADELMAN & THE LOVE HANDLES

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Porch Lantern Music

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Todd Adelman has done it again. In 2006, when he released *Henry's Diner*, this writer called the Nederland-based singer/songwriter "brilliant," and said that Adelman was defining roots folk Americana.

His latest release, which drops this month, titled *Todd Adelman and the Love Handles*, follows suit.

Honest, heartfelt and personal, this release showcases, once again, Adelman's ability to combine rock, country and folk into one seamless package that not only gives courteous nods to his legendary predecessors, from Neil Young to Uncle Tupelo, but also forges its own path of uniqueness.

The album also features a new backing band behind Adelman that is as impressive as the song-writing. With Bret Billings on pedal steel, Don Ambory and Greg Schochet on telecaster, Beth Amsel on harmony vocals and a rhythm section of bassist Lee Alexander and drummer Diego Voglino, Adelman delivers an album that could be one of the best country folk recordings to come out of the hills of Nederland since Nitty Gritty Dirt Band threw down tracks at the now-gone Caribou Ranch Studio. (Note: for the live performance, Adelman will be joined by bassist Ray Smith and drummer Paul Smiddy.)

If you like a little twang with your folk, grab this album. It won't disappoint.

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