

Mp3 Matthew Ballard - Midnight Drive

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Americana gem steeped in tradition 11 MP3 Songs in this album (46:35) ! Related styles: COUNTRY: Americana, COUNTRY: Alt-Country People who are interested in Steve Earle Chris Knight Bruce Robison should consider this download. Details: Since his 2007 debut, Time, Matthew Ballard has been taking his brand of Americana to the road, lighting up dance halls and bars across the Lonestar State. And rather than kicking back on his days off, hes been working hard at Shine Studios in Austin. The fruit of his labor, Midnight Drive, confidently steers its way onto the airwaves at the end of July 2008 and promises to turn heads with its carefully crafted songs and staying power. Swirling with pedal steels and twangy guitars that melt seamlessly into lively fiddles and intricate instrumentation, Midnight Drive brings its country chops to the table. For this recording, Ballard calls on the help of some Texas legends, including Redd Volkaert, Cindy Cashdollar, and Paul Percy as well as the musical contributions by Justin Douglas. Their presence on the record gives it a commanding stride. The result is an Americana gem steeped in tradition and packed with Ballards inventive takes on folk-art conventions. Midnight Drive highlights Ballards songwriting, which features poignant lyrics and infectious hooks. He pulls from a variety of influences, from the laid back swagger of foundational Texas artists like Steve Earle and Guy Clark, to the polished, storytelling style of Nashville greats such as Don Williams.

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