

Hearings

Top 5 for May 2010

(In No Particular Order)

- *Bring Back Pluto*
- *Blackstone Valley Bluegrass*
- *Charlie Farren*
- *Ashley Jordan*
- *Jubilee Gardens*

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ASHLEY JOELLE JORDAN
SIMPLE LOVE
12-SONG CD

- SIMPLE LOVE
- I KEPT THINKING
- ANDREW
- HAUNT
- STARRY NIGHT
- DOUBLE CROSS
- EMPTY HEART
- WHY CAN'T YOU
- WHEN THE STARS GO BLUE

- SOME KIND OF LOVE SONG
- HONEST
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE

It's hard to dismiss the similarities between Ashley Jordan and Melanie Safka who brought us the unforgettable hit song, "Brand New Pair of Roller Skates." Jordan's voice is child-like and sweet much like Safka's while her songwriting is simple and to-the-point. Primarily folk based, Jordan displays a sweet innocence that's captured beautifully here by producer Steve Rapson. Fans of the 60's folk revolution will quickly identify with Jordan's hippy-era material and Greenwich Village vibe. One of Metronome's recent cover artists, singer-guitarist John Gerard, joins Ashley on harmony vocals and guitar while this month's cover artist, Kim Jennings adds her beautiful vocals harmonies to several songs as well. Producer Steve Rapson plays guitar on two tracks and violinist Matt Leavenworth adds his violin for the song "You Are Not Alone." With a unique voice and revealing songs, Ashley Jordan is an artist to be watched. [D.S.]

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