

ROESY

Colour Me Colourful RMG Chart ★★★



Curious echoes of Michael Franks, Paul Kelly and Glen Hansard permeate Roesy's latest studio offering. He's at his best when he tries least to be loved. Laden with radio-friendly pop toons, *Colour Me Colourful* is at times a straight-up snapshot of a musician at home in his own skin (*Shake the Devil Down* and *Trailing the True Star* are sure-fire broadcast hits) and at others a valentine that tries just a tincture too hard to be loved (*One of the Same* lumbers beneath jarringly jangly guitars, and *Burdett Ballad* sinks under the weight of deadly, ponderous lyrics). Still, Roesy is refining his musical identity, and it's got an edge that'll lodge him comfortably apart from the mainstream - even if, at times, his wilfully obtuse lyrics irritate rather than puzzle. www.roesy.net

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