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Cantinerio - 'Championship Boxing' (Rykodisc)

Following in the steps of Joss Stone and, erm, BBmak, Cantinerio is another ex-pat set for stardom via stateside shores.



After eleven years of scraping a living bar-tendering, Chris Hicken releases an album positively dripping with the sound of a city where leaking taps, 1930's pianos, blues acoustics and barking dogs create their own sweltering soundtrack; a combination of analogue and digital synthesizers, delicate guitars and pensive pianos conjure up the most famous of cityscapes, and firmly places Cantinerio in the same vein as singer-songwriters Rufus Wainwright and Ed Harcourt.

However, a quick listen to opening track 'So Low' will draw comparisons with young songsmith and fellow Noo Yawker Ben Kweller. 'The Machine', with its sultry, summery samba-style, couldn't be less musically redolent of its subject-matter, the suburbanisation of the city. Death, unobtainable love, scepticism and faith ('Jesus Loves You') add darker overtones to a light-hearted and feel-good album.

Like the foxy and stylish Regina Spektor, you'll be seduced by it, but can't quite explain why.

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