



## STOCKINGSOUNDS

Make your music purchases unique this season with a handful of local releases

**The Cocks**, *Tuesday Morning Hangover* (SONec). Six years and a sobering dose of tragedy went into the breezy bar-rock band's first album, which fans of Sparklehorse and early Wilco will dig. And while the history is complicated, the music isn't. CD release party Dec. 4 at Mojo on Main. Also available at [thecocksonline.com](http://thecocksonline.com).

**The Collingwood**, *The Pitter-Patter of Little Everything* (Myatin Recordings). Landenberg-based photographer/musician Chris Malinowski and his band have crafted five dense, elaborate songs that call to mind Afghan Whigs, with the briefest of them still running over seven minutes. Available at iTunes. (*The Collingwood* will be playing JB McGinnes on Dec. 11 and the *Wedge* on New Year's Eve.)

**Jet Phynx**, *The Art* (Gallery of Phynx). Baltimore native and former Newark resident Jet Phynx (pronounced *fee-nix*) takes us on a tour of what it's like to be a high-flying, shades-buying, VIP-only socialite on his new rap-pop album, *The Art*. Available at [jetphynx.com](http://jetphynx.com) and iTunes.

**Jon Conner**, *Rap Man*. Six years after his debut album was shelved, Delaware's Jon Conner is still making heavy noise with this production team, Big Boyz Beatz, and a slew of mixtapes. His latest shows he hasn't lost his touch, turning the Lloyd Banks hit "Beamer, Benz or Bentley" into the grim "Chucky, Jason, Freddy." Available at [jonconner.com](http://jonconner.com).

**Licorice Roots**, "Strangers in Marshmallow Boots" b/w "Pixilated Pixie" 7-inch single (Daisi Records). This arrived, with a simple one-sheet description, in our office last month. It's the title track from the very great, very low-key Licorice Roots record that came out last December, backed with a non-album B-side. We don't own a turntable, so we can't play it. And like all things with the Newark indie-pop band, we don't exactly understand the motives behind it. We do, however, recommend finding it. Email [licoriceroots@yahoo.com](mailto:licoriceroots@yahoo.com) or inquire at [myspace.com/licorice.roots](http://myspace.com/licorice.roots).

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