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Swindon Exports Americana Amidst General Despair

Green shoots are not always the first thing that stand out in this old railway town, but Swindon-based singer-songwriter is working on a third album that celebrates decay and looks for answers in a world turned upside down.

The London-born singer-songwriter of 'rough-edged Americana' has been based in Swindon for the last five years. "I see things pretty darkly," says the 56-year-old. "But I struggle the whole time to see the solutions - to seek resolution."

The songwriter's worldview is reflected in his songs, where themes of loss and decay are lifted by warm melodies and rays of lyrical hope.

Jol's debut album *My Nebraska* focussed on the decay he saw all around him - the crumbling buildings in a town where industry and prosperity had moved on. Written and recorded in Swindon, the album's songs tell tales of love and loss, and the search for something lasting in a world that is ever changing.

Having toured the UK, Holland and Germany, the follow-up album was released as the world was gripped by fear and regulation. Steering clear of too many obvious cliches, *Welcome to Zombieland* vents anger as well as compassion as the songwriter explores compliance, trust and solidarity.

Most recently, Jol released *Yesterday's Waltz*, a single telling the tale of a relationship that danced through disaster, and is the first track to be released from Jol's forthcoming - and so far untitled - album.

Yesterday's Waltz was inspired by what Jol describes as 'a series of sad stories'. "It's not exactly auto-biographical" he says, "but as a songwriter you learn to dig into your own experiences and also to learn from and imagine situations you see around you."

Jol is currently working on a third album - tentatively titled *Train to Nashville* after the song of the same name. "It's about following your dreams," says Jol.

He will be gigging around the UK during summer 2022, including a July tour of venues along the south coast of England.

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