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Justin Haigh – People Like Me (Apache Ranch)

This album features a mixture of originals like hit lead single “All My Best Friends (Are Behind Bars),” Texas songwriters like Kevin Higgins (“Gathering Dust” and “Monahans” and great Nashville sourced songs like “Is It Still Cheatin’” (writers are Jamey Johnson, Jerrod Niemann and Randy Houser) and the title track (written by Lee Thomas Miller and Kelley Lovelace). With a collection of great songs what perhaps is most striking is Haigh’s stone country voice that echos Tracy Lawrence. There’s no way this guy could be a rock singer if he tried to be, the country twang is just too present. Still, that makes this one of the better, more surprising new releases of the year.