

## INDIE SCENE

## RJD2

*More Is Than Isn't*

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"Her Majesty's Socialist Request," the lead single on Ramble John Krohn's fifth album, suggests two things: He digs James Bond, and he's a man of the people. With respect to the former, his continent-hopping electro-soul dance jams are smart and sophisticated, and it's easy to imagine 007 blasting "Majesty" on some Far Eastern adventure. The tune pairs Run-DMC's "King of Rock" guitars with exotic Asian strings, and elsewhere, RJ dips into jazzy funk ("Got There, Sugar?"), R&B ("Temperamental") and hip-hop ("Bathwater"), among other styles. *More Is Than Isn't* is music for the masses. Show RJ a party, and he'll rock it, even if it means sacrificing a little personality in the name of universality.

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