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## MARK GEARY

*Ghosts*

Signature Sounds

Born and raised in Ireland, Mark Geary moved to New York City to play music, regularly sharing the bill with artists such as Jeff Buckley and Katell Keinig at Sin-e, a club co-owned by his brother. During this time Geary developed his own sound, one influenced more by his American folk-rock contemporaries than by the artists of his native Ireland.

Geary displays this on *Ghosts*, an exercise in control and subtlety filled with beautiful acoustic guitar work and hushed vocals. Fellow Dubliner Glen Hansard of the Frames lends his vocals to the catchy acoustic pop song "You're The Only Girl" and the delicate ballad "Mid-nite Sun", while Josh Ritter contributes backing vocals to the title track. As that title suggests, this album is a haunting and memorable collection of songs, and they get better with each listen.

— GREG YOST

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