



Radney Foster, *This World We Live In* (* ½)** Any pop songwriter worth his or her publishing deal can make new love sound like it will last forever. Only the truly talented ones can write about enduring in a way that keeps the excitement of the fresh and new. And that's just what Foster does when singing, "The only ones that make love last forever are fools that dream." With old-fashioned pop hooks and country perspective, Foster, 46, sings songs of fatherly advice, foolish mistakes and long-shot gambles that pay off in ways big and, sometimes more important, small. None of which would sound half as convincing if it weren't for the women — Sarah Buxton, Emily West and Kim Richey — who lend emotional support masquerading as harmony. —**Mansfield**