



GREEN RIVER ORDINANCE

HQ: Fort Worth, TX

CHECK OUT: *Out Of My Hands* (CAPITOL)

FOR THOSE WHO ROCK: Third Eye Blind, early Tom Petty, Goo Goo Dolls

Being dressed up in spiffy cowboy duds and dragged onstage with your dad to croon country classics by Gene Watson and Merle Haggard isn't the life every Southern-born kid dreams about. But that's what Green River Ordinance singer Josh Jenkins was subjected to from age 11 onward. "We played these opry houses around Texas, doing old, *old-school* country," he recalls. "That was the world I grew up in, until I realized it wasn't what I wanted to do and I kinda quit music altogether." That's when he bumped into the Ice brothers—guitarist Jamey and bassist Geoff—who already had a scrappy version of GRO up and running. Once Jenkins enlisted, their sound shifted from Lynyrd Skynyrd-esque cabaret to full-on meat 'n' potatoes rock. Ultimately, Jenkins has one person to thank for it all: his father, who constantly harped on him to pen original songs. "Once I stumbled across songwriters like Cat Stevens and James Taylor, then worked my way through '90s rock, I understood that it really *is* all about the song." **[TL]**