

**Two-Bit Suit (CD Review)**  
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You wouldn't know from listening to Two-Bit Suit that John Wort Hannam is a "new" or "emerging" singer/songwriter. He writes songs that speak of the Prairies with the eloquence of a Sinclair Ross or a W.O. Mitchell, a Margaret Laurence or a Sharon Butala. Other songwriters with whom he shares pedigree include Ian Tyson, Tom Russell and Corb Lund. I mention these artists to give those unfamiliar with Hannam a sense of the artist at work on this, his third release. Produced by Steve Dawson, the album bridges contemporary country and folk -- roots music with Western heart and flare.