

# Stephen Malkmus

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Today, Portland, OR's Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks release new single "Middle America" -- the first new music to surface from the group since 2014.

On "Middle America," Malkmus's wry wordplay and sunny twang create an ode to underdogs everywhere, with bittersweet words of encouragement for the ramshackle character on their receiving end. Only SM & the Jicks can craft this kind of brightly low-key anthem, a perfect three-minute-thirty-second country-speckled gem about life's questions big (the inevitable passage of time; aging) and small (getting shitfaced; blushing the color of Robitussin).

Stephen Malkmus & the Jicks will tour North America in July, hitting major markets including Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Nashville, San Francisco, Seattle, and Portland. Fans can likely expect a further taste of new music, on top of the band's beloved catalog.