

Austin360 On The Record: Robert LaRoche

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Robert LaRoche, "Patient Man." A longtime collaborator with eclectic Austin singer Patricia Vonne and a former frontman of Massachusetts rock-pop band the Sighs, LaRoche steps out on his own with 12 tracks of well-crafted singer-songwriter material. Working with producer Darin Murphy and a local crew including string player David Perales, bassist Scott Garber and drummer Dony Wynn, LaRoche delivers often dark but richly melodic tunes based around his beguiling vocals. Standouts include the title track, a richly layered passage of insistent pop, and the hauntingly elegiac "Yellow Rose Girl."

