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Universal You

Sin City (UY)

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Apocalyptic helicopters kick off this 3-minute slice of mainstream but irresistibly hook-filled guitar pop. Gulzan Ibraveya's strident vocal - more gutsy bluse than indie but still a touch of the PJ Harveys about it - is underpinned by acerbic guitar leading to an epic chorus. With the band named after a Cult song this comes as no surprise, the more unusual part is that the singer is from Khazakstan, where Astbury and Duffy are surely unheard of. Could be that Universal You will soon be making even more inroads worldwide.

//Bernhard Bessing

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