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Bob Neuwirth, *Look Up* (★★★½) –

Sixties folk scenester Neuwirth, focal figure in Bob Dylan's crowd, took a road trip last year to visit musician friends, and his kitchen collaborations with them became the 16 tracks on this casual, charming sleeper of an album. His froggy tenor conveys a sad, wise depth of feeling (the countrified *I Don't Think of Her*), and warm wit buffers the bittersweet cynicism of songs like *Everybody's Got a Job to Do*, one of several great teamings with songwriter Peter Case. Other partners include original Eagle Bernie Leadon, rockabilly filly Rosie Flores and Patti Smith, who announces her return to public life on the deeply intimate *Just Like You*. — Anne Ayers