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MUSIC NOTES

Playing “Out” of The Band: Levon Helm Remains The Voice of America

By Mark T. Gould



Amid all the false prophecy generated by the Warhol-influenced 15 minutes of pseudo-fame surrounding the “American Idol-America’s Got Talent” dumbing down of what passes for musical talent these days, it is indeed gratifying that we can still turn to the magnificent, timeless Levon Helm as the musical voice and conscience of America.

From love to remorse, from pleasure to pain, from torment to acceptance, from hope to despair, and yes, from Saturday night to Sunday morning, the road-toughened, wistful, yet still joyful Helm drawl continues to portend a musical odyssey, a grandeur and a poignant reminder of who, what and where we are.

Certainly, any account of Helm’s enormous contribution to American music and culture has to start with his place in the Band, arguably the finest of all the American groups of the latter part of the 20th century. Without his magical, narrative tone of voice, those classic Band history lessons, “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down,” “King Harvest (Has Surely Come),” “Acadian Driftwood,” and a host of others, would have been merely where they started, as songs. Great songs mind you, but just songs nonetheless.

Yet, his career beyond the Band has lasted so many more years, and his fans and listeners have been fortunate to hear that most truly American voice project a grit and intensity that has long cast an influence far beyond that group, to the point where we no longer should refer to him as “Band drummer and vocalist” Levon Helm, but rather, and more accurately, “American drummer and vocalist” Levon Helm.

Nowhere is that truth more self-evident than in Helm’s latest release, “Electric Dirt,” a more than formidable companion to the now two-year old “Dirt Farmer,” continuing a comeback that proves, once and for all, that this native of Turkey Scratch, Arkansas, has kicked throat cancer’s ass and returned to the top of his game.

Where “Farmer” was more rural in nature and content, “Dirt” seems more, well, electric, although within the confines of the steadfastly even and controlled, yet joyous, manner that Helm always seems to project. Once again utilizing the myriad talents of producer, arranger, writer and uber-musician Larry Campbell, as well as the

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equally emotional vocals of daughter Amy Helm and the superb Teresa Williams, Helm embodies the music with his soulful southern heritage, and thus makes every song, no make that every note and word, his own.

The choice of cover songs is as customarily eclectic as the breadth of Helm's career, encompassing a wide variety of rock, blues, country and gospel, that is to say the essence of Levon Helm's musical legacy. The record runs the gamut from a cover of the Grateful Dead's "Tennessee Jed," in which Helm, as always, makes a classic his own; to Carter Stanley's "White Dove," a woeful masterpiece that harkens back to the sound of "Farmer;" to "When I Go Away," which beckons for joy over mourning at the singer's own funeral.

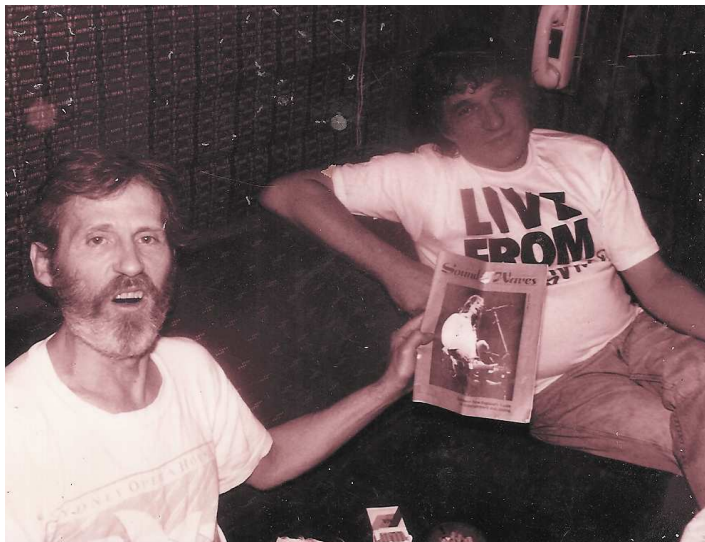
Helm again joins forces on "Dirt" with New Orleans musical legend Allen Toussaint, for the first time since the latter arranged the horns for the Band's classic live album, "Rock of Ages," better than three decades ago. Their "Dirt" collaborations on Randy Newman's "Kingfish" and Billy Taylor's "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free" sound as powerful as anything they did back in the day.

The phrase "roots music" has become hackneyed to the point of redundancy, but, ironically, there may be no better way to describe the voice and sound, the realism and the genuineness of Levon Helm, who continues, with "Electric Dirt," to define and legitimize, musically, what it means to be an American, and to be in America.

Don't get me wrong. There are many genuine, heartfelt "Voices of America" out there, including the famous, like Springsteen, Petty, Seger, Fogerty, Dylan, Lucinda Williams, and Emmylou Harris, and the not so, but should be, famous, like Dave Alvin, Jack Sundrud, Keith Miles, Buddy and Julie Miller, Lou Ann Barton, Helen Darling, and many others.

In his unique way, though, Levon Helm remains the musical beacon, and the conscience, of all that makes America, and us, what we are today.

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BAR FLY JOURNALS

By Stephanie Shawn



Hello my Sweet BarFlies. What a fabulous month! I actually functioned like the Bar-Fly I'm supposed to be! Got a lot to tell you about and I hope you enjoy it, because I did it all for you! I had relatives visiting this month from California and guess what? They brought the wine and they also brought the SUN....Oh yes, that bright bulb in the sky came directly from Karen and

Busta and ..Cal.I. ..For ..Ni ..A !! Karen likes her wine and she can definitely parties like a Rock Star so I had to hang like a Big Dog and take one for our team!!

We headed out in our "38 Street Rod" with Robin, Frank and Karen and Busta. Our first stop was to the always popular STEAK LOFT in the OLDE MYSTIC VILLAGE. We had a fantastic bartender, didn't get her name but... LOVED HER!! Why? you ask....cuz my Cosmo was absolutely TO DIE FOR!! We had a delicious meal as usual (the Salad Bar at STEAK LOFT is a huge draw for us). Five of the six of us had the Steak Teriyaki and it was simply wonderful, tender meat and delicious marinade. Fantastic!! We always have a good meal and a fun time at the STEAK LOFT.

We next traveled in style ridin' in our street rods to the HANDLEBAR CAFE and COCO'S SALON for a quick drink and survey of the terrible damage we had from the recent flooding in the area. Thanks to Frank and MAD RIVER CONSTRUCTION for quick service with a giant pump to try and help us with our 14 inches of water that came seeping in during the rains! It was a scary time!

Anyways. Off to APPLEBEE'S in Westerly we went, with Karen and Buster in tow (apparently Frank is NOT a karaoke guy) because, oh yea, it was Karaoke Time! Thursdays at APPLEBEE'S is apparently The Place To Be (when not visiting me at the HANDLEBAR!). What a freakin' blast! Busta Knight's family and friends were all there including Walt and Christina....Buster and Barb were in with Samantha (oh yes there are two Busters in the family) and the lovely Miss Rebecca Biaatch was our bartender, doing her best to put a whuppin' on my ass! Barbara Gray did a fabulous job helping us to achieve our American Idol Dreams.....with me giving my now World Famous version of Paradise by the Dashboard Lights (can you let me have my illusions, people?). Anyways, I offed Walt on that one and called in Miss Christina to take over and we were Fabulous!!! (insert your own finger snap). The evening could not have been better....fabulous food, delectable drinks and fantastic family. We had

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22 - St. Anne's, Fall River, MA
23 - V.F.W., Taunton, MA 2-6
29 - Ward 5, Taunton, MA 7:30-11:30

GREEN TEA

15 - Sandy's Lighthouse, Misquamicut, RI
30 - Skippers Dock, Stonington, CT 2-6

JAMES HARRIS

6,20 - Apizzo, Pawcatuck, CT 6:30pm
8,12,19,26 - Daniel Packer, Mystic, CT
9,22,23 - Winjammer, Westerly, RI 1pm
11,18,25 - Harp & Hound, Mystic, CT
14 - Stash's, New London, CT 5pm
14,28 - Riverwalk, Mystic, CT
19 - Sabino, Mystic, CT 5:30pm
26 - Costello's, Mystic, CT 6-8pm

JAMES ROAD BAND

8 - The Pavillion, Old Lyme, CT 2pm

10 - Wolf Den, Uncasville, CT 8pm
21 - Chacers, Norwich, CT

JAY DEMPSEY & HIGHWAY CALL

8 - Sneakers Cafe, Groton, CT
14 - Burkes, Niantic, CT
15 - Wolf Den, Uncasville, CT
16 - Washington Park, Groton, ct 6pm

JSWINE

7 - New Deal, Westbrook, CT
6,27 - Loco Perro, E. Hampton, CT
15,29 - Creative Cooking, Westbrook, CT
21,28 - New Deal, Westbrook, CT
22 - Tuscany Grill, Middletown, CT

MUNSELL BROTHERS BAND

8 - June's Outback, Killingworth, CT
15 - Clydesdales, Westerly, RI
28 - Burkes Tavern, Niantic CT
29 - Ivory Pub, Deep River, CT

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22 - Happy Jack's, Plainfield, CT

RED LIGHT

8 - Hooked on the Wharf, Norwich, CT, 2-6pm
14 - Ball's Sports Bar, Cranston, RI
23 - Sunset Ribs, Waterford, CT, 5-9pm

SIREN

14,21,29 - Hard Rock, Mashentucket, CT
22 - Uncle Krankys, Jewett City, CT
28 - Stash's, New London, CT

SISTER FUNK

7 - City Sports, Bristol, CT
8 - LePlace, New Bedford, MA
15 - Rock Café, Rocky Hill, CT
19 - Baldwin Park, Greenwich, CT 7:30
21,22 - Yellow Kittens, Block Island, RI
25 - CVH, Middletown, CT 6pm
29 - The Gallery, N. Providence, RI

STANLEY MAXWELL

29 - Festival, Collinsville, CT

SUE MENHART BAND

8 - Café on Main, Colchester, CT
13 - Vanilla Bean, Pomfret, CT 7-9
14 - Sneakers Café, Groton, CT
22 - Burke's, Niantic, CT 12pm

SUNDAY GRAVY

20 - Wheelhouse, Point Judith, RI 6-9
29 - Elks, Wakefield, RI 12-9pm

THRUST

21 - Burkes, Niantic, CT

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26 - Harp n' Hound, Mystic, CT

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9 - Tamarack Lodge, Voluntown, CT 3-7
12 - Beach Park, Waterford, CT 6-8

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15 - Ballards, Block Island, RI 1-5pm
21,22,29 - Margaritaville, Uncasville, CT
28 - One Pelham East, Newport, RI

WILSON KANE

7 - Picardi's Pub, Waterford, CT
8 - Sobieski Club, Deep River, CT 2:30pm
13,27 - Ancient Mariner, Mystic, CT
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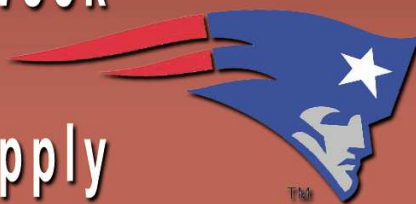
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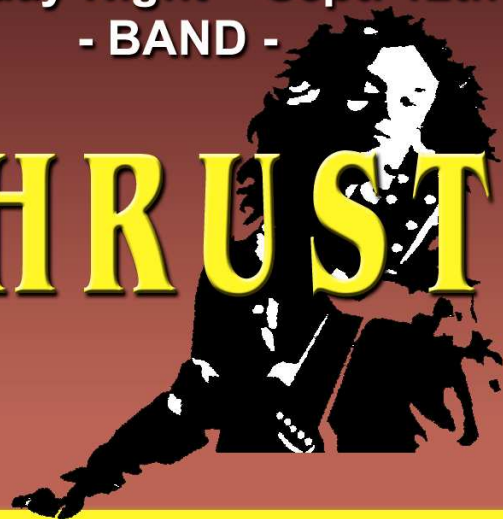


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THRUST



Barry Kerch seems to have no problem going with rock'n'roll's ebb and flow.

"Much like any band we have those that respect and enjoy our music, and those that hate us," Shinedown's drummer and co-founder says matter of factly. "Some think we are dumb rednecks from the South. Some think (frontman-lyricist) Brent (Smith) is a preacher man. Some think we are a hard-partying crazy rock'n'roll nightmare. They may be right or wrong on all accounts, but as long as they are talking about us life is good."

And Kerch, Smith and company hope it gets better for the platinum sellers with a re-tooled line-up, a new album ("The Sound of Madness") and a new producer in Rob Cavallo, whose Grammy award winning, multi-platinum track record includes work with Green Day, My Chemical Romance, the Goo Goo Dolls and Kid Rock.

"I don't think we truly know where we are in this career we call Shinedown. When you are inside of the machine it is hard to look at it objectively," he says. "Truly we are happy with the progression so far but we will never be complacent. There is always a bigger picture to strive towards. We are very surprised that we are still viable after almost 9 years, but that didn't happen without a ton of hard work. We are extremely lucky."

Kerch sees the band being about more than music.

"Shinedown is about being honest with yourself and overcoming obstacles

within your life. We are just straight ahead rock'n'roll from the heart," he explains. "Our approach to music is writing from our life experiences and being humble and honest with our music. It is raw emotion, the way rock should be."

They have been through a lot as a band since forming in 2001, which have brought a lot of life lessons, he says.

"Through those lessons we have become the strongest we have ever been. What makes us a strong band and sets us apart from others is our high-energy live show, talented musicianship, and most importantly our connection with our fans. We only have one boss and that is all of our fans."

The Florida-based band first attracted attention with its

2003 million selling "Leave A Whisper" debut CD, followed with 2005's "Us and Them," which went gold. They have had seven consecutive Top Five rock and alternative radio hits, including "Fly From the Inside," "45," the chart topping "Save Me" and a cover of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Simple Man."

Kerch believes "The Sound of Madness" is the group's best record to date.

The goal, he says, was "to make the biggest sounding rock record that we could." "We wanted to make it a record that others will want theirs to be like. I think we have achieved that goal, and we are very proud of this record."

Kerch thinks it will surprise some people. "It's bigger, badder and more intense than we have ever done, some of the heaviest and 'poppiest' songs to date," he says.

He praises Cavallo and his engineer Doug McKean as "geniuses." "Rob brought a new sense of musicality and respect for us as a whole. He was a joy to work with," he says.

Kerch suggests that the creative process may be evolving for the band. "Brent is the main songwriter of the band and always has been. He is always open to new ideas, though," he says. "I think recently it has been changing very rapidly. More is being written on the road and the next record will be much more of a group effort within the songwriting."

As for themes and subject matter, he says their

music is a reflection "of our lives that we have lived between records." "What is better to write about than what is closest to your life?" he asks. "Brent writes lyrics straight from the heart about things that everyone feels. That makes our songs highly relatable. People latch on to it because it is the truth and about true stories. I hope they take something from our music. It is up to them. I hope they realize that we love what we do."

The great thing about music is that it means something different to everyone, Kerch says. "I can listen to a song from my favorite band and it takes me to a certain place and time in my life. That is unique to me and what makes that band unique to my life. I hope people experience Shinedown in the same way."



By Rex Rutkoski

Revamping the Shinedown experience is a new line up that includes Eric Bass, appropriately on bass, and former touring guitarist Zach Myers as a permanent member.

"Though you never want to go through the changes like we have, we came out stronger on the other side," Kerch says. "Eric and Zach are great additions to Shinedown and have brought a whole new life into Brent and myself. Things are happier and healthier now. There are things I miss and will never forget, but I will never look back. This is the now and we are kicking some ass."

He assures that fans will experience "One hell of a rock show." "We give 110% on stage every time," Kerch says. "No matter what, they will leave that concert entertained and empowered: Lights, Sweat, and Rock and Roll!"

The musician enjoys the rush that he gets from a crowd. "It is the best drug in the world. No matter how hard I try to rehearse as hard as I play live, without the crowd I just can't get there," he explains.

Shinedown's crowd increasingly is growing internationally.

Kerch believes their music is received differently outside of the USA.

" 'The Sound of Madness' is our first overseas release and the first that most of Europe and beyond has ever heard of Shinedown. This is their first introduction to us, so it is new and fresh to them. We are much more established here," he says. "What we have noticed with the fans overseas is that they are more open to many styles of music and when they find something they like, they stick with that band for life. U.S. fans tend to be a little more finicky and jump on whatever is cool right now. That isn't always the case, but a massive generalization."

No generalization, he implies, is how he feels about music. "It is life, plain and simple," Kerch says. "It runs through me like blood."

The business side of making music is another story.

"If I had the answer to the current state of the music biz I would be a very rich and powerful person. The business is in a huge state of flux and no one knows where it is heading," Kerch says. "Labels are losing massive amounts of money. Bands are making it somewhat on their own, but can't get to the next level with-

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out the resources that a large label can give them. Magazines are losing money to the Internet. Album sales are in the crapper. Radio is becoming a socialist radio network. Downsizing, economy, joblessness, INTERNET. What can I say? It is a scary time. However, music will survive and always be here. That I do know."

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a great time and hated to see Busta and Karen leave!

As it was July we, of course, had to view some of the local fireworks shows, and one which we enjoy is put on at the Westerly Town Beach. We parked next to DUSTY'S by the Dunes and walked down to the water. It was a beautiful, clear evening, with a full moon, but one of our first sunny days so I was quite shocked to see the freakishly cold looking people in the water at 9 in the evening. And HELLO people??? Has no one seen JAWS? It's DAAAR-RRKKKK!!!! I mean Seriously.....there are things swimming in the water...quit freakin' me out. Fantastic show though!!! Just long enough and a really nice, loud finale.... simply fabulous time!

And now it's time to thank another Hero of the Month.... Our Secret Spy with BarFly Eyes who sent us his review of a recent show he saw at the MOHEGAN SUN!!

Hey Barfly fans (or as I like to call us.. maggots!) I was fortunate enough to go and see one of the all time best rock bands of the 90's, Stone Temple Pilots. After asking several people I finally had to settle on bringing my "friend" Bob. I invisioned Scott Weiland hanging from the chains in the sex type thing video instead he looked like an American Psycho in a swanky button up suit.

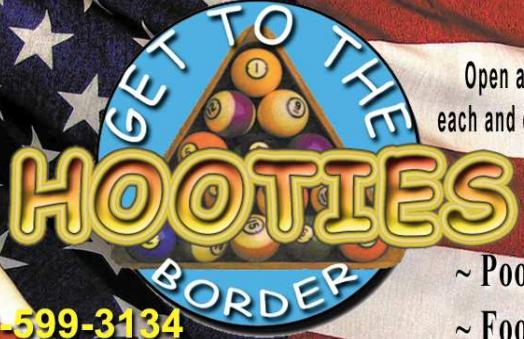
They kicked the show off with Silvergun Superman and left me instantly riddled with goosebumps from head to toe. After that came Wicked Garden and Vasoline and I was completly in musical bliss! I felt like I WAS in the Wicked Garden. At that point I had to look at someone in the crowd that sucked to level me off. The DeLeo brothers, Rob and Dean...(what a name) didn't miss a note on the bass and guitar. The drums couldn't have sounded better, especially on the heavy parts in the song Big Empty. It remind me of another 90's obsession of mine THE CROW (netflix it).

The overall set list was pretty good, they stuck mainly to the first two albums and played everything you want to hear Plush, Interstate Love Song, Creep...(except Piece of Pie!). In the end the crowd demanded more, so Weiland picked up the megaphone and screamed "I AAAAam smellin' like the rose that somebody gave me on my birthday deathbed" And I was once again givin a lethal dose of pure STP. After the show I made my way through cigar smoke and ludomaniacs to good ol' Johnny Rockets. Where I stuffed my fat face with a Smokehouse Hamburger and a mound of Cheese Fries.

Now, of course, those of you in the know, realize that Dean Rocha is my totally fabulous Nephew and I would like to take this moment to say THANKS!!! Really nice job!! Anyone with a knack can be a Secret Spy with BarFly Eyes and send you story to barfly2u2@yahoo.com . Keep those Stories coming people...We Need YOU!!!

My next BarFly night out was to GILLIGAN'S ISLAND with my friend Jane and the ever fabulous BarFather Danny (or as we call him...the Baaafatha) Anyways, a quick stop for a drink and some fries at th KNICK and then we were off to the ISLAND. Mr. Gilligan himself was on hand to help us with our drink selections (his favorite? A Gillgan's Island....Chopin Vodka, Peachtree, pineapple and

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cran...Fabulooooouuuuuss!!) ('nother snap). But my real reason for being there was of course to see the always handsome and talented drummer Bobby Christina and the band the ALL-STARs.

Quite a few people were there to see the show including my friends Captain Keith and his dancing partner Che. Well...We took the dancing part seriously (especially Jane....don't know how she drank too much, cuz I never saw her leave the dance floor!) But honestly people.... what a Fabulous Band....the singer Lisa Marie was un Belie va ble!!!! She sang everything!!! Loved her!!! I mean seriously I LOVED HER!!! Bluesy, Rock and Roll... she sang it all and she sang so well (I bet her Paradise by the Dashboard Light may even be better than mine....I know....I was surprised too!!) (No really, she never sang it so we may never know) But anyways... Doobie Brother's, Proud Mary, Let's Stay Together...(Al Green) uh...Peter Frampton...Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Amy Winehouse ...Rehab..Led Zeppelin...Houses of the Holy (girl had it goin' on!!!!....so much more (wish I could read my writing).... but trust me the Band was ON FIRE!!! I'd like to thank everyone in the ALL-STARs BAND for giving us such a fabulous time and I can not wait to see all of you again!! Also thank you Kevin and the Baaaaafatha for a great night out!!

Now to some events for the month of August. I have a Bike Run that I will mention that I really deserve our support. it's a special benefit sponsored by CHRISTOPHER'S CAFE, 12 TATTOOS, MIKE'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON and X-TEES. It is the BABIES HEART RUN for the LAWRENCE AND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NICU (Newborn Intensive Care Unit) and the NSCU at YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL. I mean really guys...how can we not....they're babies!! This one is on Sunday September 6th. It is a \$20 donation and sign up is at Poquonock Place Park in Groton and ends at CHRISTOPHER'S CAFE. I'm sure they are planning an awesome ride and how can you go wrong? I hope to see you there!!!

I'd also like to give you an update on my heroic friends sailing the seas on the fishing boat (oh yes, they did sail!) (at least partways) on the RAINMAKER....Frankie, Kevin and the guys have made it to an Island in the Azores! We are all so excited for them as they experience an exciting and life changing trip to Africa. Things are going well!! They are waiting for some parts and.. yikes...they sell beer at the ice cream stands. My God I think they've died and gone to Heaven!! I can't wait to hear all about their adventures!!

I really hope to see you all this month...cuz you know August is kinda the end of summer. So let's get our asses moving for this last beautiful month!! Contact me, my sweet BarFlies at my email address or check out some pix on the Blog <http://barflyjournals.blogspot.com>. I should soon have some new pix for you on the blogspot of all the happenings in my little corner of the world.....love ya and see ya soon!!!



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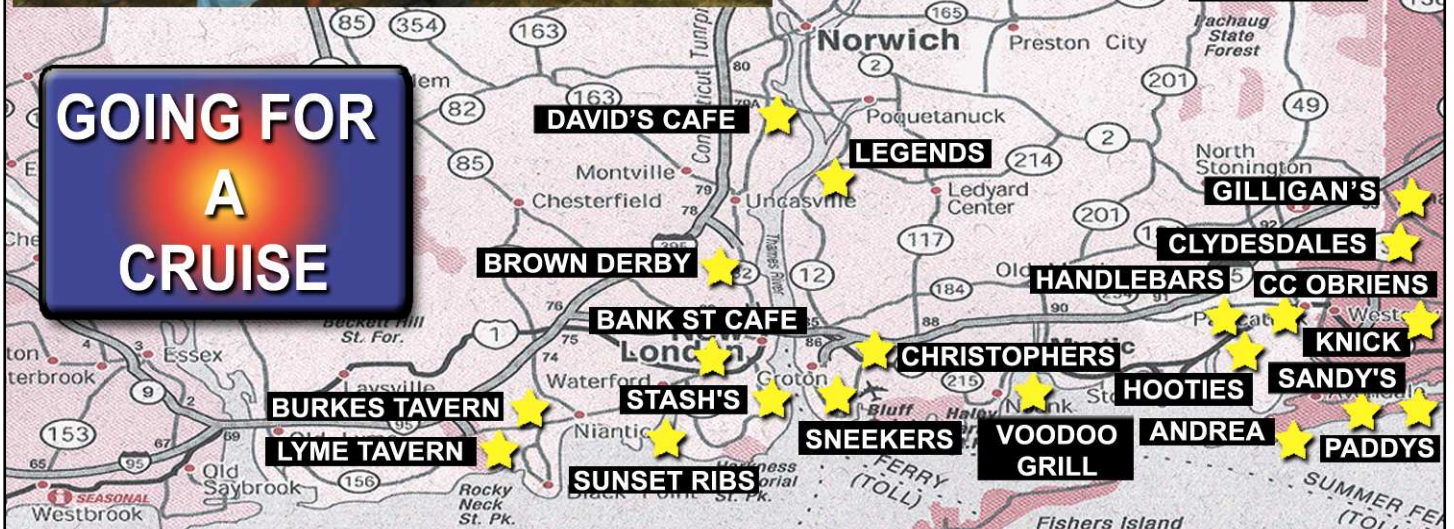


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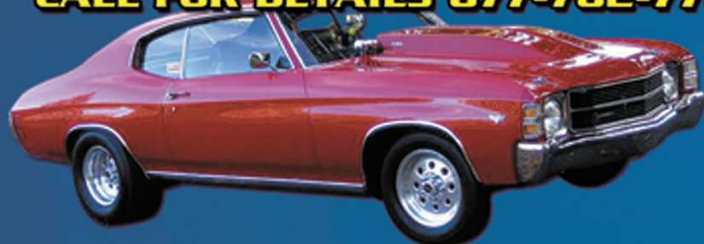
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Many artists struggle to pack their albums with a roots stew of rock, country, folk, swing, what have you. What you get most of the time with that approach is a hodgepodge, with no focus or theme. What you get when the exquisite Nashville-based, singer/songwriter Keith Miles does it is another remarkable record in his solo career.

How does Miles make that difference? Listen to these wonderful songs, and you'll find that it's an easy answer, but difficult to pull off, unless you've got his talent. The key for him is an astonishingly moving, confident, yet easy-going, voice that projects the gamut of emotions tied up in these wide-ranging songs, up front but not obtrusive in close friend Jack Sundrud's production, wrapped in the reality that he's experienced all these roads, taken and not, and lived to tell about them.

That might be somewhat easy to do if a project focuses on just one type of song, but Miles', secure in his ability to deliver the goods, wraps his immense talent around so many different tales, told myriad ways, that it makes for a very interesting, and detailed, ride.

From the opener, "This Road I'm On," about leaving the past behind; to "The South," a poignant observation, co-written with Sundrud, about the land below Mason-Dixon; to the wistful "Maybe I Shoulda," also co-written with Sundrud, about the perfection of hindsight; to the hilarious, horn-driven "7-Cent Cigar Blues," to an distinctive cover of "Samson and Delilah," Miles' musical journey covers just about every angle, perfectly.

Some artists try to do one thing well. Some succeed, some don't. "Beyond the Highlights" reveals that Keith Miles is one of the few who can do a lot of things very well, and leave his listeners content that they've been welcome on his journey.

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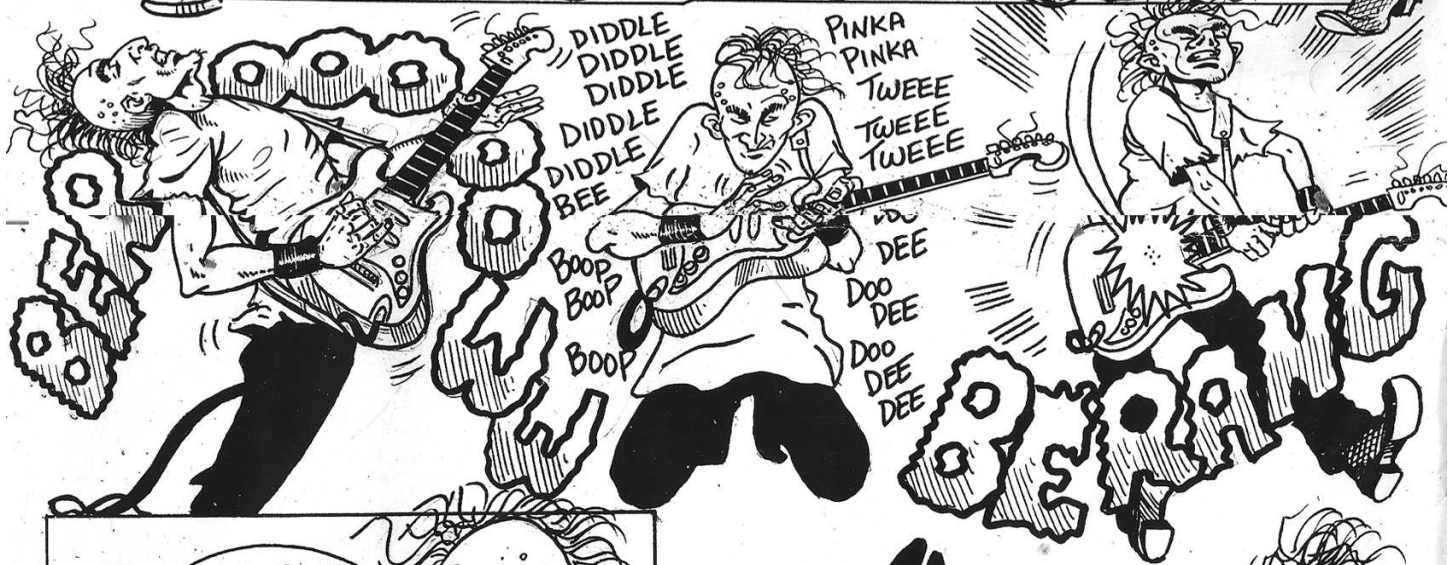
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	Date				Time				Event										
Thursday	08/13/09				8:30-12:30				Brian & Sheamus										
Friday	8/14/09				8:30-12:30				Solan										
Saturday	8/15/09				8:30-12:30				Chris Leigh										
Thursday	8/20/09				8:30-12:30				Solan										
Friday	8/21/09				8:30-12:30				Marc Levesque										
Saturday	8/22/09				8:30-12:30				Geno Champagne										
Thursday	8/27/09				8:30-12:30				Brian & Sheamus										
Friday	8/28/09				8:30-12:30				Professor Harp										
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