

Mp3 Vox Americana! - Country: Country Rock



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"Contemporary Roots Music": Start with the rich traditions of American rock and roll, country, folk, and blues; add a dollop of pop sensibility; mix in literate and thoughtful lyrics, a heaping spoonful of soaring vocal harmonies, a sprinkling of humor, a 11 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Rock, FOLK: Folk Pop

Details: Wreckless Roots recording artists VOX americana! hail from Baltimore, MD and like to refer to their sound as "contemporary roots music" - that is, accessible and polished, but steeped in the rich traditions of American rock and roll, country, folk, and blues. Together since 1999, Jim Bowley and Tracy Calhoun defy easy categorization, since their songs seem to embrace and fuse so many elements of American music. But on their self-titled debut CD, the common ingredients are remarkably easy to define - literate and thoughtful lyrics mixed with soaring vocal harmonies, a sprinkling of humor, and a touch of tragedy. VOX americana!'s debut collection, produced by Jim Bowley and John Grant, features some of the finest talent in the Mid-Atlantic area and moves effortlessly through the rich and varied neighborhoods of the American musical landscape. There's the swampy, Creedence-style "The Truth About You", the intimate, fingerpicked "Heights", the retro rave-up "I Couldn't Love You Less" ("we like to call it Lyle Lovett meets the Stray Cats in a spaghetti western movie"), the alt-country ballad "Stain On My Heart", the E! True Hollywood Story of "American Beauty", the Mamas and the Papas-inspired "In A Different Room", and much more. In addition, two songs from the CD have already garnered national recognition - the country-pop tune "When The Heart Says Yes" won a runner-up award from American Songwriter Magazine and the raucous rockabilly number "She Talks Like A Sailor (The Girlfriend Song)" placed as a finalist in the Best of Country 2001 Showcase in Atlanta, GA. Jim Bowley has been singing and playing guitar in the Mid-Atlantic region for more than 10 years. He studies songwriting with award-winning writer Jon Ims in Nashville, TN, and has performed there at spots such as Douglas Corner and the legendary

Bluebird Cafe. Jim is also a member of the Baltimore Songwriters Association. He has taught guitar privately and at Towson University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education. Jim's guitar influences- Eric Clapton, B.B. King, Jimi Hendrix, Larry Carlton - are classic, and his singer/songwriter influences - Bruce Springsteen, Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Steve Earle - are timeless. Tracy Calhoun made her mark in the pop/rock circuit, most recently with the band Who Struck John. Tracy's passionate vocal style shows the musical influence of Melissa Etheridge, Aretha Franklin, and Patsy Cline. VOX americana!s self-titled debut was released in June 2001. Check out what people are saying about VOX americana! Music Monthly, September 2001 "VOX americana! delivers a CD that truly contains one of the best threads of the quilt we call American music!" Baltimore Magazine, August 2001 "These 11 country-tinged tunes will appeal to fans of John Hiatt and Mary-Chapin Carpenter!" Chesapeake Music Guide, August 2001 "VOX americana! lives up to the expectations laid down by some of the genre's best!" AltCountryTab.com, July 2001 "Lush arrangements and tremendous vocals...the production values are pristine...Jim Bowley clearly has an ear for a good hook and the talent to push the envelope!" Splendid E-zine, July 2001 "A confident collection...a solid and wholly contemporary disc of American songwriting." Aiding and Abetting, June 2001 "A grand style of roots rock...there are a lot of good things going on here!" Paul Iwancio, President of Baltimore Songwriters Association "VOX americana!'s debut CD is filled with radio-friendly material that would find a welcome home on any Americana or Country format station. This disc showcases solid and clever songwriting, excellent musicianship, and sparkling production!" "Dynamic performers...don't book em as an opening act - they might blow away the headliner!" Pam Burns, President of Freedom Road Productions Concert Series "Jim and Tracy bring an amazing blend of soulful, stirring vocals and fine musicianship to the concert stage. Their debut release is not only full of what you'd expect - strong, confident, intensely American songs - it's also packed with all sorts of wonderful little surprises! What a find!"

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