

Mp3 Steve Coffey & The Lokels - Twirlin' Girl Boogie



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This is the 4th album by Western Canadian Singer/Songwriter Steve Coffey and his critically acclaimed band The Lokels. Prairie Folk Roots and Canadian Country Swing at it's finest. 10 MP3 Songs in this album (30:37) ! Related styles: COUNTRY: Country Folk, COUNTRY: Honky Tonk Details: Canadian Prairie Roots Band Steve Coffey The Lokels are thrilled to announce the release of their freshly minted CD 'Twirlin' Girl Boogie'. Recorded over the last six months(March-August 2008), Steve The Band have put together an uplifting, upbeat colorful collage of dance-able, lyrical anecdotes. "'Tis the moment to contrast these 'darker' times in which we live, To hell with it! It's time to boogie!... Long live the 'TWIRL'!!" BB-BHouseBlue-2008 The Lokels are: Russ Baker; Dave Bauer; Steve Coffey; Matt Herne; Lance Loree; Toby Malloy; Pat Phillips We will be posting reviews of 'Twirlin' Girl Boogie' as they come in. Stay Tuned! RedDeer Express; Sunday, Nov 9th. Twirlin Girl Boogie Steve Coffey The Lokels (Independent) Featuring 10 new tunes by this superb band, Twirlin Girl Boogie follows right along in a fine tradition of country-flavoured, folk tunes. Those with a love for simply-crafted, honest songs will appreciate what Steve and the guys aim for with their records lots of great storytelling, songwriting and melodies melded into warm, textured works that blend seamlessly. Things get off to a rollicking start with Five Kids, continue with a feisty freshness with Follow Her and the title track lives up to what its moniker suggests. Woman in You shows a more personal, reflective side to the band whereas the Johnny Cash classic I Got Stripes shows their willingness to have fun with a tune and do a bang-up job covering a tune at the same time. Of course, most of their material is original and thats something those with a love for folk-oriented tunes can be thankful for. Theres no question these guys are having a hoot putting these pieces together. That joy in unrestrained creativity inevitably shines through to listeners. Rating: 4 out of 5 -Mark Weber Fri, November 7, 2008 Coffey's career perking along The Calgary Sun By RICK OVERWATER To say

that Steve Coffey is one of the Calgary area's most prolific artists is an understatement. Less than two years after releasing his excellent album *Same Boy* and an accompanying short movie that aired several times on the Bravo network -- all the while paying the bills as an artist -- Coffey is back with a new CD, *Twirlin' Girl Boogie*, and a new collection of paintings to boot. Coffey has always been known for the way he draws inspiration from his Alberta surroundings. That's been amplified in recent years, following his move from Calgary south to the town of Vulcan. "The power of the landscape down here certainly affects me," he says. "I think it's had a quite a bearing on this last album. *Same Boy*, I drew a lot from my old catalogue whereas this time, these songs are pretty fresh." Not that you'd really detect much of a shift in Coffey's approach. Thematically, his music and paintings have always shared common elements. Sooner or later, in song or on canvas, trains make an appearance. This time they are particularly present in the tune *Rolling Beds*. "Trains are some of the real key elements in my life, in my past," says Coffey, detailing how his grandfather was a railroad man, how his trip with his mother and siblings west to a new life in Alberta was by train, and how he grew up next to railroad tracks. "Growing up with that massive machine tearing through right next to you -- I've had trouble sleeping when it's not there." Not relegated strictly to the new CD, it's a theme in his latest batch of paintings as well. Calgarians are fortunate in that they can check out both at the Kensington Fine Art Gallery when he begins an exhibition that runs from Nov. 29 until Dec. 13. Coffey will be present on the first day. At 8 p.m. he'll play several tunes from *Twirlin' Girl Boogie* with his backing band the Lokels, following opening act Juanita Brandt. Featuring some of the area's best players, including Russ Baker on bass, Lance Loree on pedal steel (and other guitars), Dave Bauer on guitar and Pat Phillips on drums, the Lokels aren't to be missed. Technically, their newest CD isn't slated for release until 2009, so Calgarians are lucky to get an early taste, as it will only be available at Megatunes and online at CD Baby until the new year. Those that grab a copy will be treated to some roots and country twang you might expect. But the overtones of ragged heartland rock are also present. "You can certainly hear that for sure," says Coffey, citing Neil Young as one influence. "And I was so influenced by the band growing up. They're one of my favourite acts and then you can go on down the line there from Johnny Cash to Leonard Cohen." Not one to just sing the praises of prairie life, there is also a fair amount of sociopolitical subtext. Sometimes it's subtle. Sometimes not so much, like in the tune *Contradict* in which Coffey sings, "it's an artist's job to contradict, not a politician's." "Sometime's I don't even know it's there till later," says Coffey. "When I have a chance to interpret my own work a bit and then

I discover it." Even when it turns out to be more overt than originally intended, Coffey doesn't mind sharing it -- or any other comment he might have -- from the stage. "It's like Lance Loree always says to me," says Coffey. "We got mics, we might as well use them."

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