

## Mp3 Rob Owen - In 3's



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Santa Cruz based pop-rock singer/songwriter Rob Owen is known for his smooth, soulful baritone; pared-down arrangements and an incredibly visual element running through his songs. Recommended if you like Jack Johnson, John Mayor, Ari Hest. 2 MP3 Songs POP: Pop/Rock, ROCK: Adult Alternative

Pop/Rock Details: Rob Owen a singer-songwriter known for his smooth, soulful baritone; pared-down arrangements and an incredibly visual element running through his songs is proud to announce the release of two new singles, Lets Just and Clear Day in July. In support of the singles, he will be touring throughout the Northwest, including, Davis and Chico, CA; Portland, Eugene, and Medford OR; as well as Vancouver and Seattle WA. This is the latest good news for Owen, who will be appearing in the Santa Cruz Songwriters Showcase on March 28th. Additionally, Clear Day in July was selected for Versailles Records compilation Surf Rock 1 2, to be released this summer and distributed nationwide at Wal-Mart, Target and Virgin Mega Stores. Owens two latest tracks represent a departure from his debut album, Barefoot in the Rain and his previous gig as lead singer with Oka Road, a progressive rock outfit that toured California heavily and released three critically-acclaimed independent albums. Lets Just and Clear Day in July are both simple, intimate gems: equally at home over a cup of morning coffee or a glass of wine well past midnight they celebrate all the wonderful and not so wonderful things we each go through everyday. As Owen states, I think the songs will appeal to a wider range of audience: they're intimate in nature, but universal in their appeal. Owen is excited to be touring. In fact, it's long overdue. This will be my first tour anywhere outside of California. I've had lots of requests from fans so I figured why not, Owen states. He'll be playing clubs, bars and coffee shops and is open for additional dates, and perhaps some impromptu busy street corners or live radio broadcasts. He will be touring with a San Francisco-based band of a similar genre, Aoede (aoedemuse.com). The immediate future looks promising and busy as well.

Rob has been working on booking the tour, and putting together artwork for the two-song demo. He is currently writing material for an upcoming CD due out in late 2008, and in the meantime, has been receiving interest from several indie labels in LA. In the meantime he'll be performing at a number of summer shows across the Bay Area, including the Foster City Art and Wine Festival and Kuumbwas Songwriters Showcase and has pending dates at the Palo Alto Festival of the Arts and Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival. For more information contact Rob Owen at [rob@robowenmusic.com](mailto:rob@robowenmusic.com) or visit [myspace.com/robowenmusic](http://myspace.com/robowenmusic)

**Rob Owen: Bio** One thing is guaranteed when you pick up singer-songwriter Rob Owens CD: you know that you'll be feeling a little bit better once you hit play. Owens songs are simple, intimate gems: equally at home over a cup of morning coffee or a glass of wine well past midnight they celebrate all the wonderful and not so wonderful things we each go through everyday. And with his smooth but soulful baritone; pared-down, interesting arrangements and the incredibly visual element running through all of his songs, the melodies stay with you long after his CD runs out. And for that reason, Rob Owen is one of the top up-and-coming singers in Northern California. However, these same songs almost never saw the light of day. For five years, Rob was the lead singer with Oka Road, a progressive rock outfit that toured California pretty heavily, released three critically-acclaimed independent albums and afforded Owen something of a rock-star lifestyle. The band received a short feature on MTV Real World, and before he knew it, they were offered a contract and a chance to be included on the Jenny Lopez swimsuit tour. And it was exactly at that point that the whole thing became a drag: the company, a subsidiary of a major label, wanted all rights to Oka's current songs and all creative rights to their next CD. At that point, recalls Owen, it turned into a business, and that's when we all started to get burnt out. And this is exactly when Owen had his own personal catharsis: he wasn't looking to be a rock star; instead, he wanted to write honest music, and connect with listeners. The result was *Barefoot in the Rain*, his 2007 debut and Owen hasn't looked back since. Owens' realizations about himself, music and creative integrity have completely opened up his music. For the first time in a long time, he is perfectly happy to be exactly where he is, as he states in his new single, *Clear Day* in July: I don't pray for tomorrow, I give thanks for today. That celebration of the here and now gives his songs a sense of immediacy and they become living, breathing creatures in their own right. It also helps that Owen has an incredibly visual style of writing, as shown later in *Clear Day*, when he sings, My eye caught light as the shadows splattered, against my faded gray paint job; And all I knew that the tank was

full, and the road went past the state line. Musically, Owen draws on a wide range of colors to paint his songs. Whether its a driving indie pop number, laidback ballad, or a more up-tempo John Mayer-esque pop song, theres always something in his songs to differentiate them: unusual chord progressions and voicings, an unexpected break, or some change in feel or time signature. But nothing is done for effectonly to better tell the story at hand. Anchoring all of these songs is Owens voice, which can be achingly beautiful on an acoustic number, and soulful and rocking on his harder numbers. Imagine Jack Johnsons clear, laidback vibe mixed in with some of the range and tones of Peter Gabriel, and you can appreciate what a singular, compelling vocal sound Owen has developed. Rob Owen is currently finishing up two singles, Lets Just Clear Day in July. He is continually expanding his fan base: he has gotten considerable airplay on 105.1 KVMR in Nevada City/Tahoe, was featured on the 2008 Yamaha Cubase DVD and has been garnering buzz online at [myspace.com/robowenmusic](http://myspace.com/robowenmusic) and [robowenmusic.com](http://robowenmusic.com). This summer hell be performing at a number of shows across the Bay Area, including the Foster City Art and Wine Festival, Palo Alto Festival of the Arts, Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival, Kuumbwas Songwriters Showcase, and Santa Clara Songwriters Showcaseas well as a west coast tour from Santa Cruz to Seattle in June to support his new singles. Most recently, Clear Day in July was selected for Versailles Records compilation Surf Rock 1 2, to be released this summer. The CD will be distributed nationwide at Wal-Mart, Target and Virgin Mega Store. Rob Owen is currently seeking representation and a label.

Reviews From the first track of the CD right through the last song, something about his songs, his lyrics and how the music is so beautifully understated spoke volumes. - The Santa Cruz Sentinel His voice is rugged but soothing, with great range and emotive qualities. His songs are laden with tell-tale signs of a well-trained artist from his melodic transitions to his rich poetic lyrics - FNO Rob Owen has a very unique and relaxing sound. His songs tell a story and have a distinct feel. Robs voice is truly amazingand unforgettable - Melissa @ Beta Records (Rob Owens songs) are uplifting, almost poppy, and they are filled with gems of lyrical insight - San Francisco Voice "When I need to clear my head, I listen to Rob."

- Polar Records recording artist, Michael J Kaisner Music for any mood...I found myself leaning back, and doing nothing but listening to the lyrics and music as I prepared for show - Frank from the JM Show, online station: RadioX

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: Versailles Records compilation Surf Rock 1 2  
A spot on MTVs Real World series Two appearances on KMBYs Acoustic Breakfast, one of Monterey Bays largest radio stations Multiple plays on KZSC and KJCC Several public television appearances

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Lets Just and Clear Day In July To be released: February 2008 Featuring: Rob Owen: vocals guitar  
Damon Danielson: lead guitar Andy Zenczak: bass Mark Quin: drums Gianni Staiano: piano, organ  
Producers: Andy Zenczak and Rob Owen Available for sale at: CDbabyand iTunes Visit Robs website at:  
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