

## Mp3 Casey Cainan - The Show Must Go On



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Country Blues, Americana, with stories about life on the road with a modern day traveling circus. 10 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Folk, FOLK: Folk Pop Details: While taking a few moments to glance through my email spam filter (which I only do occasionally, most of the time I just empty), I noticed one with the subject line "New CD". I figured it would be yet another offer of "male enhancement" or "loan approval", but decided to just check and see. It was an email from Casey Cainan, offering his new CD, "The Show Must Go On" for review. Having never heard or heard of Casey, I responded to his email, sending my contact information, and offering to return it to him should I not care for it. Let me digress for a moment. One of the joys of writing freelance music reviews is the opportunity to hear many CD's. In this day and time of CD burning and home studios, there is a multitude of stuff out there. Singer/songwriters put their hearts and souls into making a CD. Sometimes it's really good, sometimes you have to just give them credit for throwing it out there. Sometimes "well known" or "up and coming" can be great, but for me it seems lately, more often than not, I get "disappointing". So, I thought, why not gamble. I can honestly say I had zero expectations about this CD. It arrived in my P.O. Box on a day the family and I were headed out to run errands. My hubby, Bad Andy, suggested we pop it in the CD player, I figured "why not". I popped it in, dropped the case back in the priority mail envelope, turned it up a little, and began to listen. Wow. I was immediately drawn in. Bands are fun and at times fantastic, but I tend to gravitate toward the singer/songwriter and his guitar without any extra frills. From the opening lines of the first track until the end of the CD, I was amazed at the depth of each and every song. I loved the sound of the guitar, and the honesty of Cainan's really nice voice. One of my favorite songwriters, Billy Joe Shaver, once said "Simplicity don't need greasing." This easily describes Cainan's CD. I wouldn't change a thing. "Two Shows and a Plane Ride" is the opening track, grabbing the listener from the get-go. This isn't a tune you

pop in and only "hear" the chorus, each and every word has you ready for the next. Masterful story telling most often includes keeping the listener in suspense of what happens next and/or why the story is being told. This song does exactly that. By this time I was digging through the mail for the CD case again. The second track "For Better or Worse (Shiavo's Blues) had me ready to hear it just because of the title. A pretty dark subject from the get-go, no matter how you felt about the Shiavo case, this song is gripping. Written from Cainan's "stepping into the shoes of another", he writes how she may have felt toward her husband in those final days. Very thought provoking, and a definite "note to self: make wishes known on paper ASAP." And, that's just the first two tracks. His songs range in subject matter from the heartaches, stories, growing up, loved ones, and most are indeed deep and dark. This isn't a "hootin' hollerin' good time", but more an inner look into the depth of a man, and in turn, the listener tends to take an inner look at their own lives. Hungry for more. Each and every track on this CD made me want to hear the next one, looking up the next title during the few second gaps between songs. As I've said in several reviews, I rarely listen to a CD straight through/over and over. This one is still stuck in my van's CD player. I could sit and summarize each track, but frankly, it wouldn't do any of them justice. EVERY song on this one is good, EVERY song!! Want to hear for yourself, or read the lyrics (which I feel are pure poetry), check them out at caseycainan. You can order directly from his site, if you like. This one is a must have/must hear. I can't wait until Cainan starts playing gigs in this area, I'll be there to hear him. I'll probably be smiling part of the time, and wiping a tear or two away sometimes, too. Thanks Casey. Sharing your outer talent with the world in the circus is a gift. Sharing your music is not only a gift, but a blessing. Dana Jones "Lone Star Mama"

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