

Mp3 Nate Laban - Is Wearing Yellow



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Nate Laban's *Is Wearing Yellow* is a collection of 16 songs ranging from piano confessionals to organ-driven murder ballads to fleshed out demos unreleased by his band The Frosting. 16 MP3 Songs in this album (48:28) ! Related styles: FOLK: Anti-Folk, ROCK: Lo-Fi People who are interested in Elvis Costello Smoking Popes should consider this download. Details: Born in Portsmouth New Hampshire in 1975, Nate Laban grew up two towns north of Portsmouth in the working class town of Rochester, NH where he attended school. He started writing songs at the age of fourteen out of a need to deal with a tumultuous home life and a passion for trying to connect with others through music. He began performing shortly after quitting school and moving to Portsmouth at the age of seventeen. He started playing solo in the various coffee houses of the early 90s and then eventually joined a blues band by the name of Brick House. After releasing two full-length albums with Brick House and touring the northeast, Brick House called it quits in 1998. A year after that Nate decided to assemble a new punk rock band, which he still plays in, to this day called The Frosting. The Frosting has released four albums and has enjoyed success throughout the region as well. In the last 9 years they have played everywhere between Portland, Maine and New York City. The members of The Frosting also still play with Nate in his solo shows. In the summer of 2008 Nate was approached by Mark MacDougall of 75orless records out of Providence, RI and asked if he had any interest in releasing an album of his solo songs. Due to further interest by the record label Redtide Records in Rhode Island 75orless and Redtide have gotten together to make this a co-release between the two labels. Demos of Nate's material had already been made and distributed around in underground circles and given away at rare solo performances over the years, but this is Nate's first full-length solo release. This opportunity to record a full album of solo material came at what Nate describes as, "just the right time for something new." The album is a collection of 16 songs ranging from

piano confessionals to organ-driven murder ballads to fleshed out demo's made for The Frosting. The subject matter touches on mortality quite a bit but it also has an underlying theme of remaining positive through times of loss and struggle. One of the stand-out songs on the album is "Crime Scene" co-written by his friend and musician Geoffrey Coughlin who was the former bass player for Portsmouth's popular surf rock outfit Hot Rod Fury. Geoffrey past away suddenly in May of 2008 and the album is dedicated to his memory as well as the memory of Nate's friend Jim Walden who he lost in June of 2008. Nate explains that the losses were catalysts toward recording and releasing an album of his own solo material. The album's title, "is wearing yellow" is a reference to this point in Nate's life, which he describes as, "never more aware of life and happiness." Nate also enjoys surfing, fly fishing for trout and can be found (or persuaded quite easily to go) at The Coat of Arms in Portsmouth, NH enjoying a nice pint and playing soft rock on the jukebox.

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