

Mp3 The Clodhoppers - Barnstormers



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Indiana insurgent folk music for an heart-beating, foot-stomping, breeze-swinging, back-roading, eclectic mix of original songs. 14 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: "Barnstormers is more than just good music; it's the soundtrack to a warm summer day. The kind of music that evokes the pioneer- that lifts the forlorn bucolic in peace. Maybe it's just me, but such a good feeling emanates from the crisp, organic instrumentation, and that's just what this is. If songs like "Rosalie" and "Barnstormers" don't touch your soul then you're hopeless. Even the wistful yearnings of "Dream" and "God's Vacation" have a soothing milieu about them. Simply put, this is great stuff! -Ryan Hoffer (A&R, Shut Eye Records)

Mercy, folks, strap on a leather helmet and hold on tight! The Clodhoppers are flying high on this eclectic barnstorming second effort and they're taking you along for a great ride. Slap down your ticket and toss your safety belt to the clouds. Here's a flight plan of the journey from your wacky one-eyed daredevil pilot, Uncle Jeremiah. track 1...how many songs kick off with dogs barking? Not enough, canine friends. Hopscotch (Pretty Good Dog) is a rousing folk-punk teenage rebellion number if I ever heard one! Lines like "Skip to my Lou" and "Poke your eye out with a stick" are tossed out like firecrackers! Somebody's pounding on a frying pan too! Grab the pooch, we're aiming for the sky! track 2...throwing kerosene on fire! "Down the Road" is a siren alarm warning of our loss of connection to the land. The fiddle player, Gordan Lowery, actually burst into flames and had to be doused with a water hose before this was all finished. Tim Grimm (the cd's producer) wrote this one. Check out his family of cd's here on cdbaby. track 3..."The Last Time" is for friends that have passed beyond "...chasing forth Hank William's cry." The lovely Krista Detor plays piano and sings on this track. Her fine cd is here on cdbaby...buy it and thank me later. track 4...just when you think you settled in for where this ride is sailing, the Clodhoppers take a rolling nose dive and a few loop-de-loops on "Rosalie". Jim's old-timey style with a rueful smile singing to his

lusty moonlit Kentucky maiden. track 5...look down on your left to see skirting below a west Texas outlaw with police sirens chasing after him and a bumper sticker that reads, "Lookie here, it's the Crazy Lemon!" Joe Ely wrote this honky-tonk classic and Jerry Maulin's vocals are blasting through a vintage a.m. radio after midnight. The Elly Maze (Loretta Vinson and Johnna Maze) are performing fine backing vocals and their essential honkygrass cd is right here on cdbaby too! Grab it, amigos, muy pronto! track 6... "Whiskey and lightning, trouble in this world tonight. There's a wild-fire burning, take a look in my eyes." Here's our hellbound Crazy Lemon rascal when he's lost it all and it's not so damn funny anymore. The blues, baby, with Jim's sinewy harmonica slinking through the shadows and Gordan Bonham's sharp-edged steel haunting every step. track 7... Hanna Guy Maulin's heart-tugging vocal's lights up "God's Vacation" and sends this song out to Pat Robertson, Jerry Fall-Well, and anybody else talking about God with a phone number under their face. Anyone talking about God and hate in the same misbegotten conviction. "Their hypocritic smiles...has led to His Emancipation." Thinking back to my reading, Jesus got into trouble everytime He went to church. As a friend of mine proclaimed: Religion is man-made and spirituality is God-given. Love and peace. Amen. track 8... linked to the last track, "Spare Hearts" is the other side of the coin for lost souls recovering from whatever haunts them. A promise of a better way. Seek and find. "Faith is an answer, when spirit's your song." track 9...kinda like a New Orleans' preacher on a street corner shouting out and waiting for his baby to stride on by when she gets off work from the nightshift at the mortuary. You know, your basic love song. "With a rambling verse of hope and beauty, flying 'cross your shadowed skies..." The trombone and the trumpet are pounding the pavement on this track. Have mercy! track 10... "Dream" is a Maxwell House coffee commercial... waking up to a gentle rainy day with no rush to be anywhere else...realizing as you sip from the cup that your dream is all around you...in your wife, your son, and your place in this swirling temperal world. A moment of grace and gratitude. "Your abiding love changes me..." track 11... "The life I live is mighty slim pickens, ain't much call for a guy that stomps on chickens..." Mike Kelsey from WFHB in Bloomington, Indiana says, "Wrecking Ball is one of the most demented songs I have ever heard and I love it!" Let it be proclaimed here, this fowl song is all in eccentric fun and no member of the band would harm poultry of any kind...unless they were really hungry. Check out Bill Berg's chugging guitar licks that keep the barnyard flapping. "He's a finger licking, chicken kicking Wrecking Ball!!" Dave Alvin and John Doe cooked this one up first on a fine Knitters collection of songs called "Poor Little Critter on the Road." Definitely an inspiration for the Clodhoppers

sound. track 12... "Don't Be Lonely" is a last dance on a white gazebo in the dusky night with the fireflies sparkling the world. The white-haired gentleman leans his lips to his wife's ear to whisper, "You've got the eyes of a movie star..." Fade out. But wait....there's more! There's the Special Hidden Featured Bonus Track!! track 14... "E.coli" is a little public service health announcement gone wayward...way freaking wayward! But how can you not laugh at a line such as, "Where does a moose cut loose?" The horn section had to be sedated and released after making some of these sounds. The Elly Maze again on the hilariously serious backing vocals. And so...easy now...there we are...the wheels touch down and roll to a stop...leaving you to ponder all you've found and heard. Take another ride any time. Let her spin. The Clodhoppers are always ready and able to take you to familiar places you've never been. "Your touch is familiar, each breath is new." Peace and love, Uncle Jeremiah

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