

Mp3 Dave Balson - Om Is Where The Art Is



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Fresh, vibrant, socially-conscious folk songs with a Dylan-esque vibe from a young face with an old spirit - Music for the rEvolution 11 MP3 Songs FOLK: Political, ROCK: Folk Rock Details: The story is fairly common; from earliest memory, the drive to be a musician is undeniable. Music is a calling, not a choice, and throughout childhood there are the endless hours of study and practice, with the goal of one day becoming a professional performer. This however, is not the story of Dave Balson. In fact there is nothing common about Dave, his music, or his career. Dave was well into his teen years before he discovered music - and in reality, it was a music teacher who discovered Dave. While at school in California, Dave was sitting in the room of a classmate, singing "Friend of the Devil," when the music teacher walked by, heard him singing, liked what he heard, and suggested to Dave that he perform the song for the school. Dave had always been a big music fan, but had never, until that moment, considered performing. After that moment, Dave was hooked, and he has been performing and composing ever since. The response of the audience, the further encouragement from the teacher, and the comfort Dave felt in the music, launched him into a career. Developing his skills as a guitarist as well as a vocalist, Dave started out doing cover songs for gatherings of friends and on the streets of Chicago where he attracted crowds willing to tolerate the chilling winds to hear him perform. Along the way, Dave realized the power of music to communicate and motivate, and decided it was time to start singing his own words. Spending a year on a farm in New Hampshire, Dave wrote songs of compassion, unity, love, and freedom. . From searing protest songs, to intimate songs of longing and love, with a style that comes not from formal training, but from honest and unfiltered emotion, Dave's compositions have the ability to reach deep into, and stir the soul of the listener. To listen to Dave's songs is to become committed to his causes, his feelings, and his artistry. In 2004 Dave recorded his first album, "Om Is Where The Art Is", produced by his long time

friend, Jamie Fillmore of Cheer Accident. The range of songs on this debut album is remarkable for its diversity and intensity. From the scathing political commentary of "Pledge Allegiance" to the simple, yet tragic love song "Greatest Escape" to the soulfully uplifting reggae-folk tune "Freedom Train" Continuing to compose and perform songs that empower, move, and connect with his audiences, Dave has appeared at fundraising events for political activists, small clubs, and still on the streets of Chicago. He is currently booked to perform at Appalachian Uprising June 2-4, sharing the stage with musical greats Sam Bush and Yonder Mountain String Band. In an era where common and undistinguishable music permeates our culture, the uncommon music of Dave Balson is not merely refreshing, it is necessary.

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