

Mp3 Landon James Band - Like It Or Not



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learned it. I read a lot and just work through it logically. I consider myself a musician first and a guitar player second. Mikes story is very similar. I played percussion in the school band and when I was 12, I got my first drum set. I practiced everyday for at least four hours. I would make CDs with all the songs I wanted to learn and would practice until I knew every beat of each song. Soon I joined the Justin Ford Band, and remained with them until Justin went to college. Shortly after that I met Landon and the rest is history. Though they are called the Landon James Band, decisions are made by all members. Especially when it comes to writing their original tunes, its definitely a band experience. Even though I write a lot of the songs, explains Landon, we all pitch in on the process. I might bring a song to the band and I have the tempo in my head, or Mike can bring a song, and we have a bond between us that will completely transform it into something else. We will all add something to it until it becomes a Landon James Band song, regardless of who wrote the lyrics. Once I get the lyrics and chords down, I run through it once for the band. They rarely wait until Im finished; they usually jump right in and start adding their own thing to it. Every song is definitely a full band effort. Once the band had their four members intact, they began the task of finding places to play. They landed gigs at venues around the area such as Scores Sports Bar, Billys Ice, Rileys Tavern, River Road Ice House and Tavern in the Gruene, to name a few. In the summer of 2008 they picked up a regular Wednesday night gig at Buffalo Wings Rings. These weekly shows were so popular, their fans demanded them back. In 2007 they recorded a two song demo CD at 5th Street Studios in Austin. This CD was used by the band to give booking agents a sample of their sound. Though the band is still in their early years, they have a core sound all their own. As Landon explains, We always play what we want to play, not what were supposed to play just to fit into a certain genre. We play original songs and mix in some classic country, southern rock and classic rock. We blend it together and call it Texas music. Were not trying to fit into any specific format. We like to use the motto Like It or Not, which is the title of our new album. They returned to 5th Street Studios in November to record a new album and completed it in six months. For the new album, Like It or Not, the band worked hard on every song so that when they were in the studio, things went smoothly. We knew what we wanted each song to sound like, explained Brandon, and when we got in the studio, our senses began to come alive with inspiration. Their goal was for each song to have its own unique sound, which they feel was accomplished on this album. The CD contains these seven songs: Writings on my Wall (written by Brandon Singleton); Try, Like It or Not and Before You Missed Me (all written by Landon James); Last

Shot (written by Mike Scholze, Landon James Brandon Singleton); Waiting to be Found (written by Mike and Landon) and Blues Kickin Blues (written by Mike, Landon Justin Ford). The CD is titled Like It or Not and will be available at Lone Star Music and at all of the bands live gigs.

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