

OPELOUSAS

BARE-BONED BLUES FOR FREE-WHEELING MINDS

OPELOUSIFIED, the debut album from Opelousas (Opper-loo-sas), is a feast of grit and glory and features a roux of Kerri Simpson's powerful raw vocals, Alison Ferrier's dirty stripped-back electric guitar, amplified fiddle and smooth vocal tones, peppered with Anthony "Shorty" Shortte's swamp-soaked percussion.

This powerhouse plays pulsating rhythms from the belly of the blues. A distillation of Melbourne's finest, Opelousas draw inspiration from their friends and contemporaries; the legendary Kerri Simpson's New Orleans pedigree, Ferrier's electric energy that recently took the Melbourne Recital Hall by storm, and Shorty as the back beat and bedrock of the original Collards Greens and Gravy.

The trio added a special ingredient to their simmering sound: ARIA award winning singer-songwriter-guitarist Jeff Lang. Jeff co-produced the album with the band as well as recording, mixing AND creating film clips for both 'Dear John' and 'James Dean'. The resulting gumbo is a tasty treat for audiences far and wide.

"A joyous debut collaboration from three of Australia's highly respected musicians, Opelousas have whipped up a gumbo of stripped back raw blues, highly rhythmic & riff orientated, rollin' & tumblin' straight out of the swampy Mississippi Hill country, above the Delta. I just love the sound and material. Can't compare it with any other Aussie band, I believe ." Helen Jennings OAM PBS 106.7FM



OPELOUSAS launch their album at The Spotted Mallard, Brunswick, Victoria on Saturday 15 June 2019 with support from very special guests Fenn & George Wilson. Doors open 6pm, music from 8.30pm

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- 1 MAWMAW 4:50 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON]
- 2 I NEVER KISSED HER 3:25 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON]
- 3 DEAR JOHN 4:15 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON-A SHORTTE]
- 4 JAMES DEAN 5:42 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON]
- 5 MEET ME IN THE HALLWAY 3:20 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON]
- 6 GOOD LOVE BAD 2:35 [K SIMPSON]
- 7 SUGAR BABY 5:47 [TRAD ARR BY A FERRIER]
- 8 BIG OLD STEAM TRAIN 2:57 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON-A SHORTTE]
- 9 OPELOUSAS BABY 3:20 [A FERRIER-K SIMPSON]
- 10 YOU'LL NEVER KNOW 4:12 [A FERRIER]

ALL SONGS BY A FERRIER (CONTROLL) K SIMPSON (ORIGIN) EXCEPT
DEAR JOHN, BIG OLD STEAM TRAIN A FERRIER (CONTROLL) K SIMPSON (ORIGIN) A SHORTTE (CONTROLL)
SUGAR BABY [TRAD ARR BY A FERRIER] (CONTROLL)

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