

Album Notes – Down To The Junction

The new Whistlin' Rufus CD, " Down to the Junction" has eight original songs and 2 Irish traditional tunes. It has been 4 years since our last recording and the band has been performing in and around the great NW for many years. Our friends and fans of the band have been encouraging us to get out a new album of our songs and this is it. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed writing and recording these songs. This CD has it all. Love ballads, political statements, whimsical acknowledgments of American heroes, and songs about people , places and things that might go bump in the night. It's all in here. We hope you enjoy it.

Whistlin' Rufus



Blue Grass and More

Kathy Grubbs

My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the new album by Whistlin' Rufus. We did not think it would be possible to match the poignancy and the fun from their earlier album but this one is a true winner. They write about real people, and real events , then throw in an Irish song or two , some lyrics that get you thinking , and some music that makes you want to get up and dance. We loved the Ballad of Sully Sullenberger and the politically "on target" Drill Baby Drill but Metolious is simply unbelievable. What a great set of musicians, and what delightful music they make! Hope they make it to the LA area so we can see them in person.



Lively!

Nancy Christie

Whistlin' Rufus is a Portland, Oregon-based band performing traditional bluegrass and Irish tunes plus a variety of original songs written by band members. In this 2014-released CD, "Down to the Junction," you'll find some surprises: Bandage Man--destined to be sung every Halloween ; Lucky Strike Man--which might have turned into a trite anti-smoking song, except for the surprise ending; and Drill, Baby, Drill--leaving no doubt where the songwriters stand. I've seen Whistlin' Rufus perform a few times. The songs on this CD are an accurate reflection of their lively stage presence , clever lyrics, and fine musicianship. Recommended for those upcoming long holiday drives--everyone will be singing along!

Tributes and Comments

Saw you folks for the first time January 18, 2014 at the Eastside Bluegrass Concert series .. My wife and I were awestruck at how good you folks are. Thanks for a great evening of entertainment. Ken Cartwright

Audience adrenaline popped when high energy Whistlin' Rufus took the stage with Whistlin' Rufus, a jazzy oldtime tune. The five-piece band—guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, bass, and cello—yes, cello—whooped it up with jumping originals and covers and dashing instrumentals and vocals, including a Shady Grove that toyed with Neil Diamond and Rock Me, co-written by Bach on which the cellist also played banjo, though not simultaneously
reviewed by Burney Garelick. Florence WinterFolk Festival 2010

. Your band really packed a punch at the festival excellent preparation which resulted in a very dynamic performance. You were well-received by the crowd. Bill and I look forward to seeing/hearing your band again."
Sandy Blye, KBOO FM Radio

Whistling Rufus played at the East Fork Cellars variety show last week. If you haven't see this band yet, get out to a Whistling Rufus show soon. They are master entertainers. The Whistling Rufus performance demonstrated what it takes to be a great band! Excellent musicianship, great stage presences and a well crafted show.

Thanks to Tim Dawdy

Whistlin' Rufus is everything a band can be. Tight vocal harmonies, excellent musicianship, wonderful songs that touch us in every way. One of the best all around bands in the Pacific Northwest.

Amos Tisdale 2013

Thank you for the wonderful CD, "It's About Time". It is in my car stereo and I never take it out. I listen to every song and it makes my day, every day. Thank you Whistlin' Rufus.

a Web Fan 2010

What an honor for your newest CD. I was listening to Pandora radio, enjoying some Tim O'Brien music, when the Whistlin' Rufus song, Little Things, came on. It was wonderful and now I hear all my favorite Whistlin' Rufus songs on Pandora. Congratulations. Their reviews of your recording say what we all know, this is excellent music. Patti

Whistlin' Rufus has been receiving accolades from far and wide and some of those comments are included below. Since the release of our new CD, "It's About Time" we have watched as sales have traveled across the country and around the world. Thanks to Rufusarians Worldwide!

- It's About Time is played on FM and Internet Radio stations across the country. Most notably the CD was featured on the "BackPorch Music" program from The University of North Carolina, WUNC out of Raleigh/ Chapel Hill, North Carolina and on many folk, bluegrass, americana, programs from Maine to New Mexico.

- It's About Time was reviewed for the Pandora Radio Music Genome Project and is available for your listening pleasure on Pandora. Spotify and other internet sites, How cool is that?

- CD is available on iTunes, Amazon, Rhapsody, Spotify, as well as other internet sites.

CD Review: "It's About Time"

Whistlin' Rufus is not just a traditional fiddle and acoustic guitar band. Their new CD, "It's About Time" is a combination of infectious melodies, lively bluegrass, soulful ballads and fast and joyous Irish pub tunes. Rufus crafts their close harmonies, heartfelt lyrics and beautiful melodies around each song to make them uniquely their own - the kind of songs that you find yourself listening to again and again and humming when you're stuck in traffic.

Pat and Ritchie wrote and arranged 5 of the tracks on their new CD. These original compositions are straightforward, carefully knit tapestries of life, loves and losses, subtly infused here and there with catchy bits of traditional melodies that showcase the band's unique and wonderful style. 'Mid-life Orphans' is Pat's touching, thoughtful and fearless ballad about losing a generation of parents and finding himself and his generation orphaned by their loss. We've all visited a place of such beauty and mystery that its image is forever vivid in our mind's eye. Pat Connell's original folk ballad, 'McCall', celebrates and paints a vivid musical picture of such a place.

One of the most beautiful of these musical poems is a tribute that Pat co-wrote with Ritchie to honor Sgt. Sean Patrick Fennerty, the son of dear friends. Sean was killed in Iraq in 2007 and the song not only honors Sean for his heroism but because he was simply a great kid. In the song, Pat allows his mandolin to shed the tears of unbearable sadness for the loss of one so young and for every parent who loses a child to war. It is a powerful and haunting tribute to Sean and his parents Mo and Brian Fennerty. It's a perfect balance between innovative blue grass Americana and the energy of traditional Irish music. The songs and music on their new CD and their live performances celebrate life and the celebration is contagious.

Mary Stewart, 3/31/09 CD Review

Northwest CD

It's About Time

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