

RIGHTEOUS HILLBILLIES



ROCK N' ROLL WITH A COUNTRY SWAGGER
& SOUTHERN ROCK ATTITUDE

*“The Hillbillies are one of the most exciting bands around!
A perfect blend of great song writing and performance art.”*

TODD D. BOSS
Bossman 98.3 WCCQ

*The Righteous Hillbillies are
blessed with Southern rock talent.*

JASON SCALES
Illinois Entertainer



*The Righteous Hillbillies remind audiences that rock and roll is
currently missing a few crucial elements, namely fun and
danceability, by reintroducing them to those lost treasures.*



*Sound Check, Rialto Square Theatre
Joliet, IL Opening for The Charlie
Daniels Band*

*“The Righteous Hillbillies have declared their
intention to dominate a craft and art form, and
the only thing listeners can do, is take delight in
the surprise that they will provide you with joy,
excitement, and an injection of life, in all too
often deadened and homogenized musical status
quo, while they are blowing you away. Music is
their religion; the stage, their altar; the crowd, the
noise, the energy, their dogma.”*

DAVE MASCIOTRA
Author of Working On a Dream:
The Progressive Political Vision of Bruce Springsteen

THE RIGHTEOUS HILLBILLIES

Don't let the name Righteous Hillbillies fool you, they are neither "Country nor Blue Grass". Righteous Hillbillies are a rock 'n' roll band launching a revival of the Southern spirit of blues boogie, soul groove, along with the primal and visceral energy of rock 'n' roll power. Their hometown of Joliet, Illinois is not the likeliest headquarters for one of America's best Southern Rock bands, but Righteous Hillbillies put the map of convention in the shredder a long time ago. With every Allman Brothers or Stax-Volt style lick, and impassioned and intense shout in a mode and method similar to Chris Robinson, Righteous Hillbillies are an axe shredding, ace dealing demonstration of Southern Rock vitality and the value of authenticity. After a recent live performance at a music festival, music critic David Masciotra, author of Mellencamp: American Troubadour, said, "Righteous Hillbillies stole the show. Their high level of skill, energy, and intensity will make anyone dance in one moment, and then knock the wind out of them the next."

The lineup of Righteous Hillbillies consists of Brent James, a singer and songwriter bringing together such seemingly disparate elements as hard rock, country, with rhythm and blues to form an unforgettable style. Also keeping the rhythm on guitar, James is a charismatic but commanding front man, steering the Southern Rock ship to conquer new territory at every concert. By his side is Nick Normando, a prodigy and gifted lead guitarist who received his baptism in blood while growing up playing the blues. Righteous Hillbillies have now cut the leash, and Normando is free to run with the pack, bringing all his ferocious power and unpredictable virtuosity to the stage and studio. Jeff Bella pours the foundation on the bass, knowing when to inject color and character into the music, behind Bella is Barret Harvey – a thunderous powerhouse whose drumming ability is steady as a pulse, but equally dynamic. Trained in rock 'n' roll and jazz, Harvey adds a unique ingredient to the Hillbillies tonic. Elevating the rhythm of Righteous Hillbillies with a tone of gospel is Chris Bartley, whose keyboards and organ give every song a soulful texture on top the jagged edge of rock 'n' roll.

Righteous Hillbillies released their first record of original, instant classics in 2008. They followed up their self-titled debut with a stunning sophomore effort, *Trece Diablos*, in 2012. Like a brilliant poker player, they upped the ante in 2015. Righteous Hillbillies who threw all their talent in a bag and took it to Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, showing that they can stand in the same studio as the legends who made Muscle Shoals famous: Aretha Franklin, Little Richard, Wilson Pickett, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Bob Seger. Citing all of those icons as influence, Righteous Hillbillies' new record, *The Muscle Shoals Sessions*, gives listeners the thrill of hearing a band on top of their game, and exploring all the high points of American music, from rock to rhythm and blues. The songwriting shines like a new diamond, and the performances are flawless. In 2016 they did it again... The cover photo of the new Righteous Hillbillies record is a beautiful shot of a long, desolate road leading into a tree lined tunnel. More than a perfect complement to the record title, *Two Wheels Down a Lost Highway*, it is actually an invitation. Pack your bags, leave your inhibitions in the dust, and ride into the rock 'n' roll emporium of pleasure, aggression, and avid enlargement of each moment. Rock 'n' roll has always pulled off the parlor trick of offering listeners an escape, but not an escape from reality – an escape into a reality larger than the one of the everyday. Rock 'n' roll, in its best moments, communicates the intensity of life that is available to those ready for the ride. Now the band is promoting their latest album "Playing with Fire" and celebrating a Grand Prize Win for Best song "Bound to Change" featured in the 2019 April/May issue of *Relix* magazine.

The Righteous Hillbillies are prepared to raise the stakes from entertainment to that old time rock and roll religion. If it doesn't get you dancing, moving, and singing, you might as well sign your "do not resuscitate" order at the nearest opportunity.

BARRET HARVEY
Drums



JEFF BELLA
Bass Guitar, Bkg. Vocals



BRENT JAMES
Lead Vocals, Guitar



NICK NORMANDO
Lead Guitar, Bkg. Vocals



CHRIS BARTLEY
Keyboards, Vocals



STAGES PLAYED & SHARED

Venues/Festivals Played

Burning Cow Festival, Sturgeon Bay, WI
Bloomington Art's Center, Bloomington IL
Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX
Soul Shine Music Fest, Monterrey, IN
WGN Channel 9 Morning Show - Chicago, IL
Rialto Square Theatre - Joliet IL
Joe's Bar on Weed St. - Chicago IL
Double Door - Chicago, IL
Cubby Bear - Chicago, IL
Naperville Last Fling Festival - Naperville, IL
Shorewood Crossroads Fest - Shorewood, IL
Catfish Days, Wilmington, IL
Chicago St. Festival, Joliet, IL
Wilmington Fireworks Festival - Wilmington, IL
Dupage County Fair - DuPage County IL
Grundy County Fair - Morris, IL
Freedom Run Festival - Barrington, IL
Grundy County Corn Festival - Morris, IL
Octoberfest - Coal City, IL
Race Fan Rally Festival - Joliet IL
Joliet City Center Fests - Joliet, IL
Reggie's Rock Club - Chicago, IL
The Elbow Room - Chicago, IL
The Rockbox - Chicago, IL
DC's Country Junction - Lowell, IN
Wheaton Grand Theatre - Wheaton, IL
American Legion - Streator, IL
Down Home Guitars - Frankfort, IL
The UIC Forum - Chicago, IL
Midlothian Music - Tinley Park, IL
Silver Cross Field - Joliet, IL
Balmoral Park - Crete, IL
VFW Post 5422 - Wilmington, IL
Chicago St. Pub - Joliet, IL
Heritage Tractor Adventure - Ottawa, IL
Charleston's - New Lenox, IL
Sugar Creek Music Fest - Bloomingdale, Indiana
The Horseshoe - Chicago, IL
Gators Bar & Grill - lowell IN
Chicago Harley Owners Group - Glenview, IL
South Park - Wilmington, IL
Shreffler's Land of Lincoln Harley-Davidson -
Stag's Head Irish Country Pub - Willow Springs, IL
Big Basin & Mugs Hideout - Channahon, IL
Lockport Moose Lodge 1557- Lockport, IL
The Chew Chew, Riverside, IL
Goose Lake Bar, Morris, IL
Ballydoyles, Downers Grove, IL
The Irish Legend, Willow Springs, IL

The HarbourFront Center - Toronto, CA
The Taste of Chicago - Chicago, IL
Fitzgerald's - Berwyn, IL
Fitzgerald's Americana Music Festival - Berwyn, IL
Martyrs - Chicago, IL
The Abbey - Chicago, IL
Horseshoe - Chicago, IL
Lyon 's Den - Chicago, IL
Wabash Tap - Chicago, IL
Coyle's Tipling House - Chicago, IL
Wise Fools Pub - Chicago, IL
Hoghead McDunna's - Chicago, IL
Bourbon St - Chicago, IL
H&L Bar & Grill - Joliet, IL
Bolingbrook Summer Fest - Bolingbrook, IL
Gunther Murphy's - Chicago, IL
Beat Kitchen - Chicago, IL
Schubas - Chicago, IL
Uncommon Ground - Chicago, IL
Ed n' Joe's - Tinley Park, IL
Tall Grass Art Fair - Park Forest, IL
Zelmo's Full Moon Saloon - Joliet, IL

Stages Shared

Bad Company	Days of the New
The Marshall Tucker Band	Sonny Landreth
The Charlie Daniels Band	Vince Neil (Motley Crue)
David Allen Coe	Dirty Dozen Brass Band
Bret Michaels	Buckwheat Zydeco
Phil Vassar	Black Oak Arkansas
Jackyl	Jimmie Van Zandt
Gin Blossoms	Doyle Dykes
Robert Randolph & the Family Band	Cathy Richardson
Stoney LaRue	Clint Black, and more.

“Don’t Water Down My Whiskey is a moving and effectual ballad with a particularly strong vocal performance. Playing With Fire is the star of the show. An instant classic with an infectious melody and rhythm, and sharp lyrics.”

DAVE MASCOTRA

AUTHOR OF WORKING ON A DREAM:

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FESTIVALS & CLUBS

The Righteous Hillbillies play originals & the music of:

Johnny Cash
Ring of Fire
Folsom Prison

Tom Petty
Honey Bee

Steve Earle
Copperhead Road

Lynyrd Skynyrd
Call me the Breeze

Rolling Stones
Dead Flowers
Sympathy for the Devil

Montgomery & Gentry
Hillbilly Shoes

Stevie Ray Vaughan
Pride N' Joy

John Hiatt
Gone

Allman Brothers
Statesboro Blues

Merle Haggard
Stay Here and Drink

And more...

“Everytime I listen to these guys I hear, just enough of the Drive by Truckers in what they do, and could I pay a band a higher compliment than that? I can’t, actually!”

RICHARD MILNE
WXRT, CHICAGO, IL

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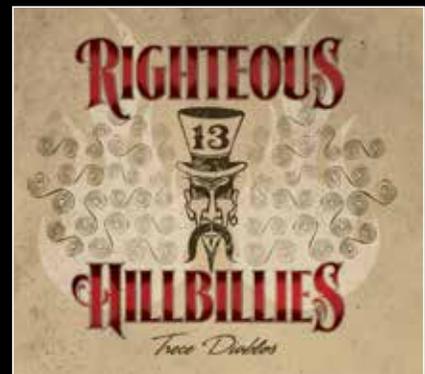
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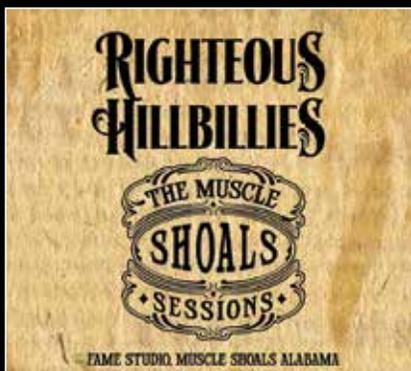
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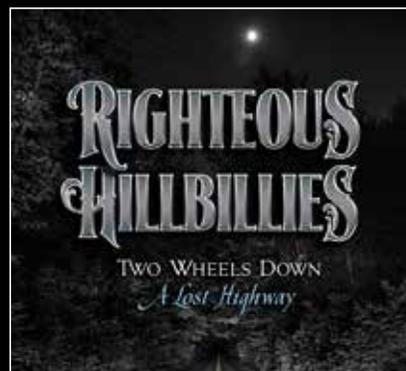
E.P. Sent overseas to troops



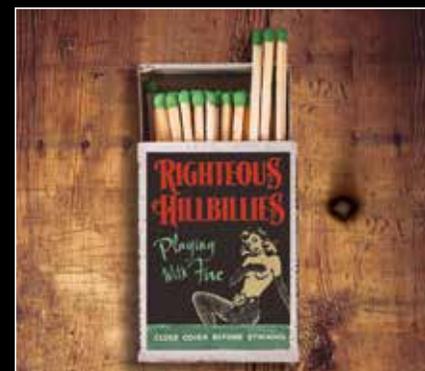
Trece Diablos



Muscle Shaols Sessions



*Two Wheels Down
a Lost Highway*



Playing with Fire

A stylistic mixture of country, southern rock and Americana, the Righteous Hillbillies have developed their own unique sound and are spreading it across the south suburbs.

LAURA MICHAELS
The New lenox Patriot



Radio Airplay

ONLINE RADIO/BLOG

- Blues @ Rock Radio UK
- oWOW Radio Cleveland
- Road to Rock: Homegrown Illinois
- SkyHigh Radio Scotland UK
- Skope Radio Boston, MA

CELESTIAL STATIONS

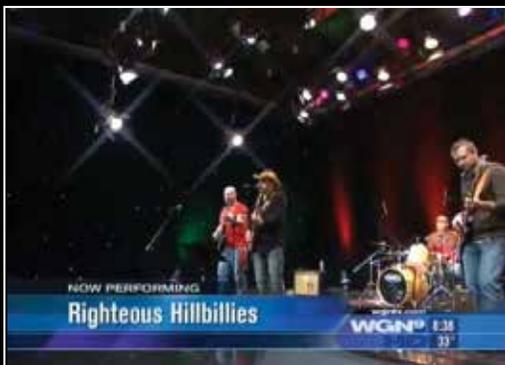
- 88.7FM WCSF
- 93 FM WXRT
- 103.9 FM THE FOX
- 107.7 FM WQUD VINTAGE RADIO

“Brent James has an innate ability to seamlessly blend alternative and traditional country that would make Waylon, Willie, Kris & Johnny, proud.”

STEVE DOWNES - THE DRIVE
MORNINGS ON WDRV 97-1FM
CHICAGO, IL



The Righteous Hillbillies pay tribute to our troops and teamed up with Operation MOMS Cookies to send original song overseas.



WGN Channel 9 Chicago, IL

The Righteous Hillbillies have played many shows in support for veterans and the men and women currently serving the military. In addition to these shows they performed a special tribute to our troops with the Song "Not Alone" WGN Channel 9 on Christmas Eve 2009.

"The beautiful lyrics of their original song "Not Alone" brought tears to our eyes. "These gifted artists captured the very essence of the hearts and minds of those who serve in our military."

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