

HARPER



Harper 'Stand Together' Released May 18, 2010

An amalgamation of blues, rock, funk, soul and world music, Australian singer/ songwriter "Harper" creates a heady mix of roots music through his creative use of the harmonica, and the haunting drone of the didgeridoo. Borrowing from western and world music, this musical visionary develops a highly original take on the roots genre. Harper's latest Blind Pig release, "**Stand Together**", displays his trademark virtuoso harp, distinctive instrumentation, deeply soulful grooves and instantly memorable songs and provides another prime example of why his unique roots music style occupies a category of its own. Harper has been described as "a singer with the deep soul of Motown, a harmonica player who can graft Sonny Boy II and Little Walter with John Popper, a songwriter who tells his own compelling stories in an unhurried, J.J. Cale-like manner, and a musical visionary who is unafraid to mix the didgeridoo, an important part of the Australian indigenous culture of his homeland, with infectious modern percussive rhythms". He also takes the harmonica beyond its assigned place. Harper's innovative use of electronic enhancement and feedback breaks the traditional boundaries of the harp, giving his music its distinctive harmonics and effects. Harper latest Blind Pig release, "*Stand Together*" is the most artistically realized CD Harper has ever written. The self-produced album marks the first time, Harper has recorded a CD using his Michigan-based touring band, "Midwest Kind", a collaboration that pays several dividends. For one, he was able to go deeper into the song arrangements, incorporating some of the interplay of their live performances. And his close relationship with his band members enabled him to craft exactly what he envisioned his songs to be. Though Harper has already been acknowledged as an exemplary composer, his current songwriting has matured and his messages have become

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more powerful. The greater confidence and polish that come as a result of his non-stop touring schedule have only enhanced his considerable skills as a singer and harmonica player. And his proficiency as a didgeridoo player has increased dramatically since picking up the instrument in 2004. Harper is backed by "Midwest Kind" featuring: Drew Pentkowski on Guitar, Chris Wiley Smith on Bass Guitar and Marc Dixon on drums/ timbales/ zydeco tie. Harper has also received multiple Australian Blues awards for "Male Vocalist of the Year", "Song of the Year" "Acoustic Artist of the Year", "Album of the Year" and many awards for his harmonica playing.

Harper's 2010 tour features: The LEAF, NC, Riverfront Music Festival, FL, Flint Art Fair, MI, Ann Arbor Summer Festival, MI, Cow Pie Blues Festival, Michigan Brewers Guild Summer festival, The Windsor Blues Festival, Canada, The Canal Bank Shuffle Festival, Canada, The Bear Creek Blues Festival, MO, The Paola Roots Festival, MO, , The Big Bull Falls Festival, WI, Blues By The Bay, MN, Eats To The Beats, MI, Crossroads Music Festival, MI, Taste of Lincoln Ave Festival, IL, Briggs Farm Festival, PA, Big Ribfest, NY, Camp Jam in the Pines, NJ, Chicago World Music fest plus many more to be announced

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1. I Never Want (3.17).
2. Looking At You. (4.03).
3. We Stand Together. (3.27).
4. Love=Peace=Freedom. (4.03)
5. You Know What You Got. (4.34)
6. No Problem. (4.47)
7. Weaker Man. (4.26)
8. Not My Brother (3.58).
9. Chill Out. (3.42).
10. Take These Arms (4.15)
11. What Are You Gonna Do. (3.32)
12. Damn Shame (3.38)

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