

SHORT version:

From the smoking maw of an emotional abyss issue the heavy, lovelorn rocknroll styling of The Wicked Mercy, Weaving melodic currents through the thickly coursing swells of a musical storm, these four channel raw passion straight from the fathomless depths of the wounded heart.

EXTENDED version:

Friends and collaborators from Ottawa and Pembroke, The Wicked Mercy began playing shows in early 2012. Initially formed as a group of friends jamming, blasting loud, dirty blues in their basements and living rooms. With time they have melded and evolved as a group, fusing heavy, lovelorn rock'n'roll stylings into their own urgent and honest sound.

Since forming, the band has played Ottawa, Pembroke, Montreal, Toronto and surrounding areas relentlessly, delivering raucous performances and captivating audiences. The Wicked Mercy has built a fan base the old way, playing hard and often.

Influenced by the old but inspired by the new. The Wicked Mercy blend swampy southern blues with cold rock. Sometimes compared to the Sheepdogs, Queens of the Stone Age, the Doors and the Brian Jonestown Massacre. The Wicked Mercy have fused traditional rock & roll with elements gypsy, psychedelic and metal, creating a tight layered sound.

Singer Case Bakker leads the group with blistering vocals, sharp lyrics, blasts of harmonica with a telecaster on hand. An unmistakable and integral part of the band is the guitar work of Dave Nado. Piercing and visceral, his guitar lines leave an impression with all listeners.

The rhythm section is held down by 5-string rock funkateer Mark Sudiagal on bass and seasoned veteran drummer Cory Zadorozny (ex Sam Roberts Band). The latest addition to the group is the charming Erik Hertzberg on organ, keys and vocals.

The Wicked Mercy released their debut self-titled album April 2013. Recorded in Pembroke with Jordon Zadorozny (Sam Roberts, Blinker the Star, Courtney Love) it is an impressive first release from a young band. Supporting videos can be found on youtube. They are currently recording new material, again with Zadorozny, for their second release due this summer.

On top of numerous club dates and regional tours, The Wicked Mercy have played Ottawa Bluesfest, Sabstock and Kitchissippi Music Festival. They have shared the stages supporting acts such as Half Moon Run, Die Mannequin and David Wilcox.

It has been a strong beginning from this young band. Only gaining speed, there is much more on the horizon. Talented and ambitious, The Wicked Mercy is going places.

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The Wicked Mercy is a hot up-n-coming band, and an especially great live band. In just two years, completely independently, The Wicked Mercy have toured regionally, built fan bases in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and beyond. They have self-released an album and self-produced supporting videos with overwhelming positive response in Canada and Europe.

They have played several summer festivals, including Ottawa's RBC's Bluesfest, and have won fans opening for acts such as Mississippi Heat, David Wilcox, Half Moon Run, Die Mannequin and Swollen Members.

The Wicked Mercy are currently recording material for their next release slated for late summer 2014. The material is strong and expectations are high.

The Wicked Mercy are a band on the cusp of success. With greater support and better bookings the band is capable of achieving great things. Just see them live to discover what they bring to the stage, and listen to their recordings to hear how they craft their original take on rock, blues, psychedlia, and funk. True musicians with nothing but the will to play and the drive to make it. They don't need much, just a push in the spotlight, and deeper industry connections. They give their hearts with each performance and gain friends and fans wherever they go.

They have the skill, chops, dedication and discipline in their performances and recordings to gain fans throughout the world and have a long career. Listen and look for yourselves.

The Wicked Mercy formed as a group after many jam sessions parties and through a shared love of music and the need to write, record and perform their own material.

Their urgent and honest sound has quickly made a mark in the Ottawa music scene. The band captivates audiences with raucous performances relying on one thing: raw

instinct. Weaving melodic currents through the thickly coarsing swells of a musical storm, these four channel raw passion straight from the depths of the wounded heart.

Singer Case Bronson, leads the group with sharp edged lyrics that he brings to the stage with powerful vocal styling. Given a harmonica as a baby he has many instruments in his musical arsenal. After playing in various bands throughout high school he spent years traveling until he was brought together with August, Mark and Dave by a shared love of music.

August West and Mark Sudiagal, childhood friends make up the rhythm section. Having worked together musically since their teens. They met at high school in Smiths Falls, ON and learned their instruments playing in bands before relocating to Ottawa. Born on tour with Grateful Dead, August attended over 200 of the iconic bands shows growing up. His classic and funky vibe to the drums accompanied by Mark's deep groovy bass-lines make up the dangerous rhythm section.

Dave Nado was the last to join the band but his influence and energy jump started the electrifying performances the group is known for. The 25 year old guitarist's musical background started in recording studios where he learnt audio engineering before moving on to the stage. Nado's heavy guitar power has a distinct influence on the group's chemistry. Together they are determined to create quality music with a lasting impression.

Since forming less than a year ago, they have shared the stage with hard hitting acts such as Die Mannequin, Half Moon Run, White Cowbell Oklahoma and Liam Lloyd and have played packed gigs at popular venues including The Horseshoe Tavern, (Toronto) The Black Sheep Inn, (Wakefield) and Le Divan Orange (Montreal). The band is currently recording its first full length album. Together they continue to blast audiences with rawcous honesty and straight passion. Playing their hearts out and leaving them on stage at each show. Charged with a loyalty to rock'n'roll they're hell-bent on delivering their narcotic lullabies to the masses.

Their first single and video "God Knows" can be streamed on youtube.