



The Civil War

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Members

Tim Platz	<i>Singer, Songwriter, Rhythm Guitar</i>
Tom Bowmer	<i>Bass Guitar</i>
Patrick Friedman	<i>Drums, Backing Vocals</i>
Matt Borkenhagen	<i>Pedal Steel, Lap Steel, Electric Guitar, Backing Vocals</i>

Biography

The Civil War hails from the Bay Area cities of Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose. Beginning as an acoustic duo, the group grew into a quartet consisting of vocals, drums, bass, rhythm guitar and a member who alternates between lap steel, pedal steel and electric guitars. Influences include artists like Neil Young, Tom Petty and Johnny Cash.

Reviews

The War Between the Guitars

By Hiya Swanhuysen

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*Remember when only 50-year-old gray-haired dudes played pedal steel guitar? Those days are over, friends. Youngsters around the country have applied themselves well, resulting in bands like **The Civil War**. Tim Platz, the lead singer, sounds like David Crosby on a young day. The rest of the band (Matt Borkenhagen, Tom Bowmer, and Patrick Friedman) also drinks deep from the 1970s hippie-country well, but includes folk icon Odetta and the queen of country drama, Neko Case, in its list of influences. Some songs start out like the Paris, Texas soundtrack, and wind up in Devil Makes Three territory, while others just ramble comfortably from the barn to the bar. It's a rough but sincere sound, smoothed out with that sweet, sweet pedal steel.*

Notable Past Shows

Marilyn's on K Sacramento, CA
Thursday December 6th, 2007

The Red Devil Lounge San Francisco, CA
Thursday November 15th, 2007
Friday October 5th, 2007

The Hotel Utah San Francisco, CA
Sunday April 29th, 2007
Friday January 4th, 2008

Madrone Lounge San Francisco, CA
Wednesday October 17th, 2007

Recordings

The Civil War EP
(Self-released 2007)

Track Listing

Track 1 Carol Anne
Track 2 Old Man Seville
Track 3 Unforgiven
Track 4 The Chair
Track 5 Firing Squad

Live at the Wheat Patch EP
(Self-released 2007)

Track Listing

Track 1 Unforgiven
Track 2 The Check is in the Mail
Track 3 The Chair
Track 4 Messenger of Undeparted Sorrow

Equipment

Drums

Yamaha Recording Custom Drums
(22" Kick Drum, 13" tom tom, 14" Snare)
Hi Hat, Crash, and Ride Cymbals

Rhythm Guitar

Univox Electric
Orange 15 Watt amp
Mesa Boogie 10 Inch Cabinet

Bass Guitar

Fender P- Bass
Hartke Systems Amp

Lead Guitar

Desert Rose DRS10 Pedal Steel
Mystery Lap Steel
Gretsch Chet Atkins
Country Gentleman Electric
Mesa Boogie DC 10 Combo Amp

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