



## **Horse Operas**

### **Dead Man's Music**

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“Beaten down but never without hope, they become the voice of those on the cusp of criminality. Horse Operas' songs are more than mere musical interludes. They are stories about people. Real people too, just like you or me. Or at least who you or me might be if we strayed from our safe 9 to 5 routine.”

-Bluesbunny

“The nostalgic longing and simple truths found in the lyricism works well within the rustic scenery and stripped-down aesthetic.”

-The Austin Chronicle, Austin Powell

“It's easy to detect a smirk under Horse Operas' weary roots-rock songs but if it's there, it lends itself to a weathered mood, the band's indie-rock playfulness cozying up to maudlin country sentiments.”

-The Onion

Horse Operas was born and bred in Austin, TX in 2004 as an off-shoot of the band Gutshot and Thirsty (Athens, GA). Led by songwriters Paul Stuffel and Henry Michael Stotts, the band explored the country, folk and southern rock music of central and southwest Texas. Since that time, band members Henry Michael Stotts (guitar, vocals), Josh Brown (drums) and Travis Marriott (guitar, ukulele) have lived on the plains of the Midwest and are currently exploring the Sonoran Desert near their home in Tucson, Arizona.

Horse Operas are equal parts country, indie-rock and blues. The sound and lyrics of their music draw from influences such as Gram Parsons, John Hartford, New Order, The Smiths, Echo and The Bunnymen, Shellac, Cormac McCarthy and the color brown. Horse Operas combine distorted ukulele and acoustic guitar sounds to create a dynamic all their own.

Horse Operas have shared the stage with Victoria Williams, Will Oldham, Hem of His Garment, Keenan Lawler, Mike Tamburo, Grun Tu Molani and Birds of America.

Dead Man's Music is the band's first full-length record and will be released on Southern Love Records in November. The album will be available for digital download via iTunes, Amazon, eMusic and other major online digital retailers in mid-November. A physical cd is available for purchase online at CDBaby.



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