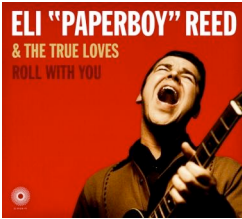


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Monday Morning Blues : The Red Hot Sounds of Eli "Paperboy" Reed and The True Loves

There's a new R&B Soul revolution going on with the likes of Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings, Ryan Shaw, Amy Winehouse and others being the current torchbearers. Well, you can add Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves to that evergrowing list, their new album Roll With You is being released April 29th on Q Division records and is sure to be an instant soul classic.

Eli Reed's story:

Eli Reed grew up listening to his music critic father's collection of gospel, blues, country, soul, and R&B records and eventually taught himself to play guitar, piano, and harmonica. Then, at age 18, he got a first-hand education when he moved to Clarksdale, MS, one of the birthplaces of the blues, in the North Mississippi Delta, where he sang and played guitar with various soul, R&B, and blues bands at local clubs, and received informal lessons in performing from legendary blues drummer Sam Carr.

"I learned a lot about singing because the audiences are very tough," says Reed, whose has both a spine-tingling soul scream and a pleading falsetto in his vocal arsenal. "You really have to be on your game just to be able to last the night. If you're going to perform for three or four hours, you've got to have stamina." After spending nine months in Mississippi, Reed enrolled at the University of Chicago and got himself a gig singing and playing piano on the city's South Side at a church run by former Chess Records' soul singer-turned-minister Mitty Collier, using the \$50 a week he earned to buy records for his college radio show.

In 2004, after a year of school, Reed returned to Boston and began to assemble the True Loves, which has undergone several line-up changes in the last three years, but now features Mike Montgomery (bass), Ryan Spraker (guitar), Paul Jones (tenor sax), Ben Jaffe (tenor sax), Patriq Moody (trumpet), and Andy Bauer (drums). Reed self-

released an album of soul covers and originals, entitled Eli "Paperboy" Reed Sings Walkin' and Talkin' and the band played out all over the Northeast, earning glowing praise from the local press. The Boston Phoenix called Reed "a gifted young singer and guitarist," while the Boston Globe raved about Reed's "authentic and sincere music and vision," calling him "a consummate musician."

Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves – The Satisfier
(via The Phoenix)

Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves – Am I Wasting My Time
(via Spinner)

Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves – Take My Love With You
(via SXSW 2007)

Eli and his band bring their red hot show to Philadelphia this Thursday February 14th, for a Valentine's Day blowout you and your honey won't soon forget. So head on down to the M-Room and remember to bring your dancing shoes.

Eli "Paperboy" Reed & The True Loves with DJ Kyle {m} of Intensified!
and Ten Commandments
Thursday February 14th 8:00PM [BUY TICKETS]
The M-Room 15 W. Girard Ave Philadelphia PA

Upcoming Shows

Feb 14 2008 7:00P Listen to a live Eli "Paperboy" Reed show 7:00 PM on WFUV! New York, NY

Feb 14 2008 8:00P M Room Philadelphia, PA

Feb 16 2008 8:00P Union Hall Brooklyn Brooklyn, NY

Mar 12 2008 8:00P TBA at SXSW Austin, TX

Mar 13 2008 3:00P Redeye Showcase at The Dirty Dog @ SXSW Austin, TX

Mar 13 2008 11:00P BMI Showcase at The Club Deville @ SXSW Austin, TX

Mar 14 2008 8:00P TBA at SXSW Austin, TX

Mar 15 2008 8:00P TBA at SXSW Austin, TX

Apr 5 2008 6:30P House of Blues Orlando w/Say Anything & Manchester Orch. Orlando, FL

Apr 6 2008 6:00P State Theater w/Say Anything & Manchester Orch. St. Petersburg, FL

Apr 8 2008 6:00P Warehouse Live w/Say Anything & Manchester Orch. Houston, TX