

scud mountain boys

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DO YOU LOVE THE SUN



Do You Love the Sun is the first new Scud Mountain Boys album since Sub Pop released the critically-acclaimed *Massachusetts* in 1996.

After being out of contact for many years, original Scud Mountain Boys band members Joe Pernice (vocals, acoustic and electric guitars), Stephen Desaulniers (vocals, acoustic guitar, and bass), Tom Shea (mandolin, drums), and Bruce Tull (electric guitar, lap steel, pedal steel), returned to the scene in late 2011, playing an almost-impromptu reunion in Cambridge, Mass. Soon after, the band had announced more shows and will reissue *The Early Year* via One Little Indian on July 8th, a compilation of their first two albums *Pine Box* and *Dance the Night Away*. *Do You Love the Sun*, released on July 9, fulfills the promise of a full-fledged recorded comeback.

Their latest offering features Joe Pernice's inimitable marriage of exquisitely graceful

vocals and a resigned tone that the NME (in a 9 out of 10 Massachusetts review) once described as "the golden voice of damaged, regret oozing from every word like wounded honey... rendering glorious the utter inevitability of failure."

Starting out simply as the Scuds in western Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley in 1991, the group initially cultivated a local following playing loud rock 'n' roll. But after those shows, three members—Joe Stephen and Bruce Tull—would retreat to Bruce's kitchen to unwind, breaking out old country favorites, playing the songs they thought too quiet and too slow for live performances. The band found that these were the songs they really lived to play, so, adding "mountain boys" to their name, the re-christened Scud Mountain Boys played their first public show in 1993.

Though the band was initially lumped in with the alt-country scene helmed by Son Volt,

Wilco, and the hordes of other disciples of Hank Williams, the Scud Mountain Boys have always taken their inspiration as much from hooky '70s AM pop as from the dirty country road of Johnny Cash.

For the legions of Scud Mountain Boys fans that have been holding out hope for a follow-up offering to the brilliant *Massachusetts*, *Do You Love the Sun* is a welcome ten-track return from a band that has been away for too long.

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