

SEAN RILEY & THE WATER

* STONE COLD HANDS *



Photo: Bridgette Charbonneau

The songs touch upon themes of deep loss, lasting regret, and the anxious reeling from a world gone dark, yet retains an upbeat and positive push.

The full length LP features some of Louisiana's most lauded musicians. Multi-instrumentalist and practitioner of zydeco and Afro-Louisiana music, Bruce "Sunpie" Barnes plays accordion and harmonica on four tracks; *Dance Me One More Time*, *Truck Route Blues*, *Out All Night*, and *Jump The Line*. Cajun/Zydeco musician and "Louisiana's Rockin' Fiddler" Waylon Thibodeaux shines on *Rosie's Rag* and *A Losing Hand*. Phil Breen shows his versatility and strength on keys and organ for the title track, *Stone Cold Hands*, as well as *Go Easy On Me*, *A Losing Hand*, *Rosie's Rag*, and *Shine A Little Stronger*. Tiffany Pollack graces the album with sweet harmonies on *Stone Cold Hands* and *Go Easy On Me*. She is joined by Megan Harris Brunious and Whitney Alouisious to create a tingling three part harmony to the album bookends *Dance Me One More Time* and *Shine A Little Stronger*.

Last but certainly not least is the record's thumping rhythm section consisting of New Orleans' own limitless drummer Mike Barras, and acting as both bassist and producer, the unwavering Dean Zucchero.

Based in New Orleans, Riley is a familiar face in the New Orleans music world. Playing frequently throughout the city, from the Bywater to the French Quarter and Uptown, as well as regional shows in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Riley also tours extensively in Europe and Australia.

Sean Riley plays solo and with his backing band The Water, aptly named for the fluidity of different musicians joining him on stage. Please enjoy!

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Stone Cold Hands is the first full length offering from Sean Riley & The Water, following the *Biting Through* EP released under his original moniker Old Riley & The Water. The album features nine original songs by Sean Riley all showcasing Riley's distinctive voice, lyrics, guitar style, and arrangements. The lone cover is Jimmy Reed's *High And Lonesome*, a swaggering Mississippi juke blues tune.

An ode to the city of New Orleans and southern roots music, *Stone Cold Hands* oscillates between groovy boogie blues and swampy back porch get-downs.



TRACK LIST

1. Dance Me One More Time
2. Go Easy On Me
3. Stone Cold Hands
4. Truck Route Blues
5. Out All Night
6. High and Lonesome
7. A Losing Hand
8. Rosie's Rag
9. Jump The Line
10. Shine A Little Stronger

All Tracks written by Sean Riley - Guitar, Voice
(Except Track 6 by Jimmy Reed)

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