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JOE GIACOIO

I LOVE HAMBURGERS

"Some people seem to have the ability to create music that is at the same time funny, serious, and incredibly clever. Joe Giacoio is one of those people" - Jonathon Colcord, CROSSROADS Magazine

I Love Hamburgers is the third release by New Jersey based songwriter Joe Giacoio. On this album Joe's quirky and often humorous songs are showcased in a gorgeous Folk/Americana/Country setting. The CD was produced by flat-picking champion and multi-instrumentalist Bob Harris (*Johnny Cash*, *Vassar Clements*) who also plays guitar, mandolin, banjo and other instruments. The album features special guests Gary Oleyar on fiddle (*Loggins and Messina*), Dobro player Rob Ickes (*Blue Highway*) and Michael Ronstadt on cello, among others.

I Love Hamburgers covers topics such as geographical cures, Life's Big Questions and "Don't try this at home" courtship techniques. The title track contains the most oddball (and unsuccessful) declaration of love ever heard: "I love you more than old guitars, Planet of the Apes and baseball cards / I love you more than hamburgers / and I LOVE hamburgers."

Giacoio's talent for more serious writing is evident in "In Gods Image" which tells the true story of a New York City mother who publicly forgave the boys who killed her son in a hate crime. This song was almost removed from the album after the June 2015 Charleston Shootings, as Joe feared that the degree of evil done in Charleston precluded any possibility of an equivalent act of mercy and that the song would now seem too simplistic and naive. However, the South Carolina victims' parents courageously then did the exact same thing.

"Barometer" explores the intersection of magical thinking, depression and meteorology. Everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. Except the character in this song.

"Joe Giacoio has managed to take his quirky humorous songs and showcase them in a gorgeous Americana setting. Much of the credit goes to multi-instrumentalist producer Bob Harris, with special mention from me to Dobro player Rob Ickes — absolutely hellacious chops! Joe has always been extremely clever and it's a pleasure to hear his songs get such quality treatment.... We love hamburgers (and these songs), too, Joe". - Richard Cuccarro, Acoustic Live Magazine

As a young child in the Bronx, Joe Giacoio was abandoned in a music store and raised by a pack of acoustic guitars. This explains a lot. But seriously, Giacoio has won a number of awards for his unique guitar playing style and quirky songwriting. His national TV debut was on the long running "Up All Night with Rhonda Shear" on the USA Network and he has also been featured on the nationally syndicated Dr. Demento radio show. Giacoio performs concerts at venues up and down the East Coast. He also gives lectures on guitar history, bringing with him vintage Martin flattops and Gibson arch-tops, Harp guitars, National steel-bodied guitars, and Dobro and Weissenborn lap steels.

SONGWRITING AWARDS

- ☼ Great American Song Contest - First Prize: Lyrics Category
- ☼ Plowshares Songwriting Finalist, Pennsylvania
- ☼ South Florida Songwriting Contest Finalist
- ☼ Avalon Emerging Songwriter Contest Finalist, Virginia
- ☼ Songwriters Showcase at the New Jersey Folk Festival

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"Your songs were clever, fun, and well crafted."
- Claudia Nygaard, Singer/Songwriter

- 1) Pigs (3:24) *
- 2) No Place Like Home (3:07)
- 3) Long Story Short (3:31) *
- 4) I Love Hamburgers (2:47)
- 5) In Gods Image (3:25) *
- 6) L.A. (2:16)
- 7) Barometer (3:31)
- 8) Perhaps (2:38)
- 9) Get Back To Work (2:52)
- 10) Jury Of My Peers (3:10)

* Focus Tracks

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