

CRANKSHAFT

Forging his own brand of high-energy, low-brow Upper Mississippi blues, the one-man band powerhouse Crankshaft has been gigging around Minneapolis for nearly three years. Expanding his fanbase with every frenzied performance, Crankshaft earns his living as a musician and is taking his show on the road following the release of his new album, Junkyard Rhythm.



Born into this world from gas station cassette tape collecting semi-truck drivers, Alex "Crankshaft" Larson was introduced to blues, rock 'n' roll, and R&B as a pup. In 1996 he traded a combination oil/wood stove to his uncle for his first electric guitar and amp. In April 2008, while self-employed as a contractor, he started practicing as a one-man band and was playing shows two months later. Larson self-produced and released three albums during the next two years. In 2010, he decided to hang his hammer up for good and focus on his music. Larson's newest release, Junkyard Rhythm, features a backing band, "The Gear Grinders," which gives the album a more full sound than his previous recordings. He performs mainly as a one-man band, hiring on backing musicians whenever he can.

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"Junkyard Rhythm gives decades old music a modern makeover and it does it very well. The production is spectacular and the music itself is killer. It's definitely an album made for fans of the blues and old-school rock n' roll."

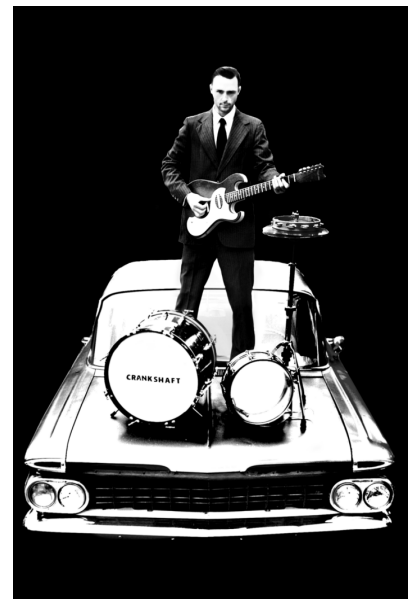
- Kyle Berg, Buzzbin Magazine

"These are songs about the working man, for the working man, by the working man with a gritty blues sound that lets you know sometimes you have to get your hands dirty to get the job done."

-Adam Hammer, St. Cloud Times

"With a strong-bowed consciousness, a rattle snake skinned Southern-style and a deep blues toned musical pulse, Crankshaft slams his one-man-band approach into the membrane of the Minneapolis landscape with a constant beat pounding through the gates of Earth's final frontier..."

-Kaleb Bronson, RIFT magazine



Performance highlights:

Minneapolis Messaround - September 2011
Bearded Lady Festival - July 2011
Deep Blues Festival - July 2010

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