

creweroots

update
12th February 2009

Thanks to everyone who made it out to Matt Andersen last night – about half of the audience were first-time visitors so special thanks to you guys. We could fill this update just writing about Matt's performance and that was by far the best version of 'Ain't No Sunshine' we've ever heard, but maybe it's just best to say that the first ever standing ovation at a creweroots gig was totally spontaneous and completely deserved. Anyway, onwards and upwards...

If you haven't managed to check out the website lately (www.creweroots.co.uk) it's certainly worth the effort (thanks again Dave). There are new links where you can hear streamed music from artists who have played for us already, there's an archive of the creweroots updates, there are photos and live videos from our shows, it's a right little treasure trove...

In the meantime...

Johnny Dickinson
Wednesday 11th March – Square One



As you already know, it took us a year to get Johnny Dickinson booked in at creweroots. We've seen him play several times and we know this is going to be a great night.

Johnny has played the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, (he's playing the Royal Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool on this upcoming tour), he's worked and toured with legends like the late John Martyn, Loudon Wainwright and Jan Akkerman, (personal heroes like Kelly Joe Phelps), and the mighty John Renbourn said:

I'd go a long way to listen to Johnny Dickinson. You hear a lot of good influences in his music but the result is something special. For me his playing really hits the spot.

If you haven't been there already, click on www.sonicbids.com/epk/epk.aspx?epk_id=25797 - have a listen to 'Beach Road', 'Into the Deep' and 'Ocean Blues'. Within 24 hours of this creweroots date appearing on Johnny's website we were already answering emails requesting tickets (six months in advance!). We're back to Square One for this gig and we're sure this will be one of those names that will crop up in the 'what was the best creweroots night ever?'

conversations that we seem to be having every other weekend over a pint of Stella...

Otis Gibbs

Tuesday 19th May – The Horseshoe



Where do we start with Otis Gibbs? Originally from Indiana and now from Nashville, Tennessee, here's a man who has planted over 7,000 trees, slept in hobo jungles, walked with nomadic shepherds in the Carpathian Mountains, been strip-searched by cops in Detroit, and has an FBI file. He's our kinda guy. If you want a good read you can head to 'The Travels and Tribulations of Otis Gibbs' at <http://otisgibbs.com> where you can see videos streamed live and hear about a dozen of his songs (we're playing his new album 'Grandpa Walked a Picketline' to death at the moment...).

As we write this update, Otis stands at number 5 in the Americana Radio Chart (USA) AHEAD of the new Ryan Adams album! The Wall Street Journal recently published 'Five Songs with Something to Say' – Otis was included alongside Bob Dylan, the Clash, Sam Cooke and Chuck Berry. This is a compulsory night out! No excuses!

We've still got one or two surprises to come before our summer break at the festivals, we'll let you know about them once they are confirmed but in the meantime there are two big nights ahead. Right now we're off to listen to Matt Andersen's new album again...

Happy Days,

Richard and Russell