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JOE CAMILLERI'S BAKELITERADIO

"Bakelite Radio represents the kind of music I was listening to as a young boy digging the wealth and richness of the blues. Nick Smith and I have been writing songs together for 20 years and several of the songs on Bakelite were just lying about looking to get a little sunlight. We were able to record 20 tracks for the BR sessions - six blocks of four hours plus 2 days for mixing and overdubs. We didn't dissect every little move and worked to keep the spirit intact - Ed, Claude, Nicky, Simon and I would just pick up what was needed for the track. It is always a joy making music with friends." Joe Camilleri

Joe Camilleri has been making fine music for three decades now. Founder and front man of Jo Jo Zep and The Falcons, The Black Sorrows and The Revelators, Joe is an Australian music icon and his music has become part of our lives. Songs such as So Young, Hit And Run, Shape I'm In, Hold On To Me, Harley and Rose, Chained To The Wheel and Never Let Me Go are Australian milestones. Joe has given his life to making music in this country.

Joe's love of music encompasses everything from R'n'B to jazz and this diversity is reflected in Bakelite Radio. From the bluesy soul of Isaac Hayes' classic Do Your Thing to the acoustic blues of Camilleri and Smith's Hell To Pay and on to brush the edge of the jazz world with Losing Hand - it's all here.

"I think that Thoughts About Roxanne is the blueprint for Bakelite Radio. I heard this song by John Mayall on a record called Turning Point. Roxanne was one of my favourite songs on that recording. It had so much of everything I love about mixing the blues, jazz, pop and folk."

Again Camilleri has surrounded himself with incredibly talented players whose banjo-like Dobro, big bass drum, Hawaiian slide and chugging bass all gel in the way only a group of musos who know each other well can. It was this familiarity that led to the inclusion of a 60's roots favourite. If a take didn't come together the guys always wound up jamming on Howlin' Wolf's, Who's Been Talking. It sounded so great it had to be added to the list.

Joe Camilleri is clearly a man who lives and loves music. Whether he is onstage or behind the scenes in his studio producing some new disc, he always gives 100%. The intimate performance mode of Bakelite Radio has given Joe the freedom to further explore the music he loves and is guaranteed to please music lovers around the world.

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