

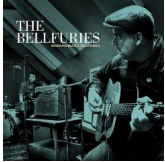
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01. *Loving Arms* 02. *Bad Seed Sown* 03. *Why Do You Haunt Me* 04. *Make The Mystery No More* 05. *Letter To My Maybe Baby* 06. *Beaumont Blues* 07. *Just Remembering* 08. *She's A Woman* 09. *Under The Light Of The Moon* 10. *Baltimore* 11. *An Illusion Believed* Joey Simeone - Vocals, Guitar Jeff Seaver - Upright & Electric Bass Mike Molnar - Lead Guitar Chris Sensat - Drums, Vocals

Passionate, rootsy rock & roll come right out at you immediately from Austin's The Bellfuries. This band, who's been around for a while, have upped their game with this latest album, the cleverly titled *Workingman's Bellfuries*. A mix of that classic Texas twang, the Sun sound and rhythms that swing has to be good, right? Right. Let's make that clear now. Simply mix a little Elvis, Marty Robbins, Roy Orbison and a smattering of Buck Owens, Big Sandy and Los Lobos for good measure and that pretty much personifies The Bellfuries' sound. Add to that a production quality that brings you right into the late '50's/early '60's, which sounds natural and pure and it's a "can't miss". Dig?

About the songs, it's simple: "Loving Arms" kicks off the album with a good old-fashioned swing that you, indeed, can't resist tapping your toes to; "Bad Seed Sown" sounds like something Elvis would have recorded and "Why Do You Haunt Me?" is my favorite and the album's standout with its Tex-Mex feel. "Make The Mystery No More" starts with a strident drum, reminiscent of Phil and Don's "Cathy's Clown" with a great reverb guitar body; "Letter To My Baby Maybe" has a wonderfully crisp tempo and a joyride riff and "Beaumont Blues" chugs along with a classic melody and some tight harmonies.

An album I'd love to be driving down an open road listening to – as cliched as that may sound, it's a great way to gauge an album's pleasure factor. And this one has it in spades. So keep an eye out for The Bellfuries. They've got it – and they're bringing it all back. HIGHLY

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