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1. *All She Wrote* 2. *Dynamite* 3. *Hangin On A Heartache* 4. *Ride With Angels* 5. *Playing Dirty* 6. *Rise* 7. *Waiting For This Feelin* 8. *Sanctuary* 9. *Hell To Pay* 10. *All In The Name Of Rock N Roll* 11. *After The Rain* 12. *Bring It On* Tony Mitchell – Vocals, Guitars, Keyboard (Kiss Of The Gypsy) Paul Hume – Guitars, Backing Vocals (Demon, Lawless) Jamie Crees – Rhythm Guitars (Lawless) Nigel Bailey – Bass, Backing Vocals (Three Lions) Neil Ogden – Drums, Backing Vocals (Demon, Lawless)

Dirty White Boyz is a new supergroup out of the UK that features the considerable talents of vocalist Tony Mitchell (Kiss The Gypsy, Kingdom Of Deadmen), guitarist Paul Hume (Lawless, Demon), guitarist Jamie Cree (Lawless), bassist Nigel Bailey (Bailey, Lifeline, 3 Lions) and drummer Neil Ogden (Lawless, Demon). Hard to go wrong with such a group of artists involved, and, not surprisingly, they get almost nothing wrong here.

These guys are set to release their debut album on March 24th 2017 and it is a wonderful record full of hard rocking, catchy songs that will transport you back to the 1980's with its infectious melodies, driving beats, thumping bassline and ripping guitars that all back the fantastic, raspy voiced Mitchell.

Speaking of Tony Mitchell, the man proves his talent here with what I think is the best album he has put out to date. Covering the vocals, some guitars and the keyboards, he wasn't content to stop there as he also solely wrote this entire album as well as co-produced it with Hume. Impressive.

So onto the great music that is contained here. 'All She Wrote' opens the record. This rocking

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little number is a fine example of what you are in store for with the rest of the album and it leads into another hard hitting rocker with the equally fine 'Dynamite'.

Coming in at track three is the first single from the album, 'Hangin' On A Heartache'. Easily the best track of the album in my opinion and an easy pick for the first single. Fantastic song with a hell of a catchy chorus to it that will have you singing along in no time. I was looking forward to this album before I heard any music from it due to who all was involved but as soon as I heard this song I knew we were in for a real treat.

'Ride With Angels' is the first ballad of the album and it is a great one. It has an almost bluesy swagger to it with an excellent vocal performance from Mitchell. Definitely a standout for me. Love this one.

'Playing Dirty' takes us back to a rocker, however this one fails to connect with me personally and is the only track of the record that I really don't care much for. 'Rise' is a lovely, more mid-tempo ballad while 'Waiting For This Feeling' has a slightly pop rock, almost Bryan Adams-esque feel to it and another very catchy melody and chorus. 'Sanctuary' comes in at track number eight and is the longest song of the album, clocking in at over six minutes. This upbeat number is another cool song with some great guitar work and another great chorus.

'Hell To Pay' brings us back up to a full on rocker and 'All In The Name Of Rock N Roll' takes us for a great, grooving ride before slowing it way down for another excellent ballad in 'After The Rain' and then cranking back up for the final hard hitting track of the album, 'Bring It On'.

While not every track is a standout for me, even the weakest track here is still a far cry from being a bad one, and with so many great songs included this is one that you need to go and check out for yourself. Not a one of these men are strangers to putting out some great rock n' roll and this album just solidifies what we already knew, these guys know how to play and, not that any of them have to prove themselves further to us, they once again prove their abilities here in grand fashion. A job well done by all involved here.

A terrific throwback album from a group of fantastic artists with some excellent songs that will have you singing along and hitting replay as soon as it ends. Check out the link near the top of the page to see the music video for 'Hangin' On A Heartache'. If you are a fan of what you hear

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there then just go get the album because I do not think you will be disappointed in it. I hope this is just the first of many albums that we are going to hear from the band.

Highly recommended. --- melodicmusicreviews.wordpress.com

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