



For a brief moment in time, two unbelievably talented minstrels came together in their studio's to make history. They have done it once before in 2004, with "All Wood and Stones",

the first in this series. They never meant to create an act together but to pay homage to an incredible rock band. The Rolling Stones, a household name still today. Who could

believe John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley could ever do these treasured songs in an acoustic frame!

That first endeavor turned out to be so well loved, John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley ended up touring together to perform these brilliant songs acoustically as one act. By

harnessing their expertise and melding their vocal genius, they have presented a new look and feel to some of The Rolling Stones best loved songs. The first album hit such a cord

in fans globally, it became a fast favorite. Both John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley reside in California, USA. Both have exceptional careers individually and often were asked when

they would come together to do another album. It was John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley's own love of The Rolling Stones and working together on a project, that ultimately brought

this second in the series "All Wood and Stones II " to life.

Well it has been 9 long years since they released All Wood and Stones. They have both continued their separate, incredibly successful careers since that first album. The big news is,

John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley, two of the most sought after and well loved singers, guitarists and composers worldwide, have come together once again. "All Wood and Stones II

is here!! To be released March 2013!

They bring their love of The Rolling Stones to the forefront but take these beloved songs to a whole new level. Fearlessly, they have chosen harder hitting tracks for this new album.

Yes, it is acoustic, no you won't "feel" like it is acoustic. The level of expertise given by John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley on instrumentation is awe striking. I felt in the midst of

a full band whilst listening to this album. It is full and robust, beautifully delivered. I can only imagine the finger work on guitars delivered by John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley on these

tracks. I only pray someone did some video work during this process. James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf are both well known throughout the music industry for their work on guitar

but this album presents some of the finest acoustic guitar picking you will ever hear.

Speaking about the track line up, I was beside myself when I realized exactly which songs they chose to put on this album. Honky Tonk Woman! Get Off My Cloud!

Jumpin' Jack Flash! Sympathy For The Devil! Tumblin' Dice! Lord, these men are fearless! Acoustic! Who would have or could have ever thought! But Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am here to tell you as an ardent fan of The Rolling Stones since the 60's, I not only enjoyed "All Wood and Stones II ", I LOVED this entire album.

I sang along loud and proud and fought off the urge to find a lighter, so I could wave a flame over head as I listened. Now, I cannot say this is a normal reaction for

this reviewer, I'm old and not easily impressed these days, but the production and recording is perfection! John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley have the vocals that can

make you swoon to start with, but babies... they can rock it with the best of them! Lordy! This "All Wood and Stones II" album is a goose pimple on the arms....

heart fluttering and adrenaline evoking mad success! They have managed not only to do an exceptional job on these Rolling Stones favorites but have in my humble opinion,

done an honor and great homage to this bigger than life band. Brilliantly put together and delivered, only the way James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf could ever put forward.

My favorites on "All Wood and Stones II" :

ALL OF THEM!!

I cannot set aside just 3 songs. I know it's unheard of for me not to be able to choose 3 or 4 favorites. But I honestly love each and every track on this album.

"Honky Tonk Woman" - John Batdorf - Lead Vocals. What a stellar job on this song! John Batdorf nails it with his strong vocal and instrumentation. Get your fans ready ladies,

this is John Batdorf at his sexy rock god level. Brilliant performance! Guitar work is exceptional! I loved the back vocals as well. What a delight!

Definitely feels like a full band! John Batdorf really rocks this song! Rich and full! John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley can rock our world any day!

"Miss You" - James Lee Stanley - Lead vocals. Man... what an amazing vocal! Sexy! Sultry! James Lee Stanley is the perfect choice to sing this song. James takes "Miss You"

to a whole other level. His strong earthy voice lends itself beautifully with this selection. This performance will stop you in your tracks. His work on guitar is mesmerizing. Again,

the back vocals seal the deal perfectly. James oh James... We miss you too! *swoons* Love the production and recording work on this track. With a slower song, mistakes stand

out like a sore thumb. This is perfection in motion. Great job James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf!!

"Get Off My Cloud" - John Batdorf - Lead Vocals. Oh John... You made me sing involuntarily with you on this one. What a magnificent job you did on this track! This reviewer takes

note of the impeccable work on reworking this song. Omg, This song really surprised me! I honestly didn't think anyone could rework this song to be acceptable to any "real" fan

of the The Stones. I am here to say publicly, I was wrong. John Batdorf proved me wrong! John Batdorf's strong vocals were a perfect match for "Get Off Of My Cloud". His tone and

delivery are awe inspiring. Also, the work done on harmonizing is marvelous. Instrumentation is top notch. Exceptional job on recording and orchestration. I have to say, I am bursting

with pride for John Batdorf on this choice. Loved your perception of this great song. Very well done indeed John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley!

"Jumpin' Jack Flash" - James Lee Stanley - Lead Vocals. James gives "Jumpin' Jack Flash" new life. James Lee Stanley gives "Jumpin' Jack Flash" a rock with a blues kick. Simply

breathhtaking guitar solo thrown in for good measure. Lordy, Lordy James Lee Stanley owns this track! His vocals are rich, adrenaline evoking and hypnotising. The instrumentation

is on fire! Delivered with smokin' hot intensity. Great work on this one James Lee Stanley and John Batdorf!!

"Play With Fire" - John Batdorf - Lead Vocals. John Batdorf has put his stamp on this well loved Rolling Stones song with style and finesse! John Batdorf's exceptional vocals set this

song on fire. Rich and sexy as only John Batdorf can do. James Lee Stanley presents harmonizing and back vocals which brings in new depth and makes this song shine. The sound of

acoustic guitars lends itself beautifully as well, especially when played with this level of expertise. Love this rendition of "Play With Fire". Fantastic!

"Before They Make Me Run" - James Lee Stanley - Lead vocals. James Lee Stanley takes the lead on this well loved rendition of a Rolling Stones favorite. John Batdorf lends his

fabulous vocals to harmonize. Man there is nothing these two can't accomplish!! James owns this song!! Well vocally on this album anyway! haha James Lee Stanley leaves his mark

with perfection on "Before They Make Me Run". When James Lee Stanley takes on a song he lives through that song. You can tell he has committed 100% to this song. The proof

is in the pudding. This is exceptionally done. James's vocals are, as always in the *swoon Zone*. It has depth and an earthiness about it. Addicting! Instrumentation is out of this world!!

"Sympathy For The Devil" - John Batdorf - Lead vocals. Well! John Batdorf! Who Knew! You evoked a squeal from this reviewer which scared the heck out of my hubby! What an

amazing job John Batdorf has done on "Sympathy For The Devil"! I cannot believe anyone could do this acoustically and still have the robust feel of a full rock band quality.

John Batdorf can! In fact, there isn't much John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley can't do. Brilliant vocals! Ladies get your fans at the ready, the "Batdorf" zone has arrived!

John Batdorf makes this complex song look easy. Instrumentation is exceptionally well done on this track. Absolutely stellar presentation and recording. The production is quite

remarkable. A sure hit, once again!

"Tumblin' Dice" - James Lee Stanley - Lead vocals. OMG! I know, not the reaction you would come to expect from a reviewer. But, having said that, wait till you hear James Lee Stanley

sing "Tumblin' Dice", one of The Rolling Stones most loved songs. James Lee Stanley kicks it up a notch and gives it a blues feel that envelopes the listener with pure joy! James oh

James... You have me lock, stock and barrel! Simply superb vocals married with instrumentation that will knock you on your knees, make this track a sure favorite. As always, recording

and production are impeccable. Brilliant work!!

"Wild Horses" - John Batdorf - Lead Vocals. John Batdorf, thank you so much for your rendition of The Rolling Stones most loved tracks "Wild Horses". John Batdorf brings forth his

version of "Wild Horses" to an awaiting audience with enthusiasm and love. John Batdorf evokes tears of joy as he masters this song with his exceptional vocal style. His sound is pure

and straight from the heart. He has the ability to touch each and every one of us and does so with ease on "Wild Horses". Such a rare talent, such a brilliant talent. The instrumentation

on this song has far exceeded expectations. Production and recording is magnificent! This track is fantastic!

"Time Is On My Side" - John Batdorf & James Lee Stanley: omg.. hold me back!. Vocals are simply perfection! This has to be one of THE best renditions of "Time Is On My Side"

I have ever heard. I love how John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley reworked this song and made it their own, without losing the integrity of the song. Wait till you hear

both of them harmonize! Instrumentation - out of this world! They certainly have raised the bar on recording and production. They have managed to pull tears of joy from

this reviewer. Absolutely magnificent John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley!! I may have to get their poster and hang it up in my bedroom like I did with the Stones!

So that is how I feel about "All Wood and Stones II ". The times have been few and far between when an album has touched my heart and ears so deeply. This has

been like a complete journey for me, like I have been privy to one of the hottest concerts I have ever attended. Maybe it's because I am an ardent fan of The Rolling Stones.

Maybe it's because I am a passionate fan of John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley individually. I think it is because of the quality of music, the brilliant vocal styles and ranges of

John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley myself. This concept "All Wood and Stones" is unheard of. Many people have chosen to do a rendition or two but a complete 2 album series of Rolling

Stones songs, by two seasoned and uber talented singers, composers and guitarists such as John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley? Not in this lifetime. This is a must hear!

"All Wood and Stones II" You are going to want this one, no, you "need" this album in your music library, trust me on that.

<http://www.allwoodandstones.com>

If the album hasn't been released by the time you read this, you can preorder it here - <http://www.allwoodandstones.com/awas2preorder.html>

Also, do check out Mr John Batdorf at www.johnbatdorf.com and Mr. James Lee Stanley at www.jamesleestanley.com to hear more of their individual albums. They are both tremendous

and have absolutely brilliant albums on offer there.

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