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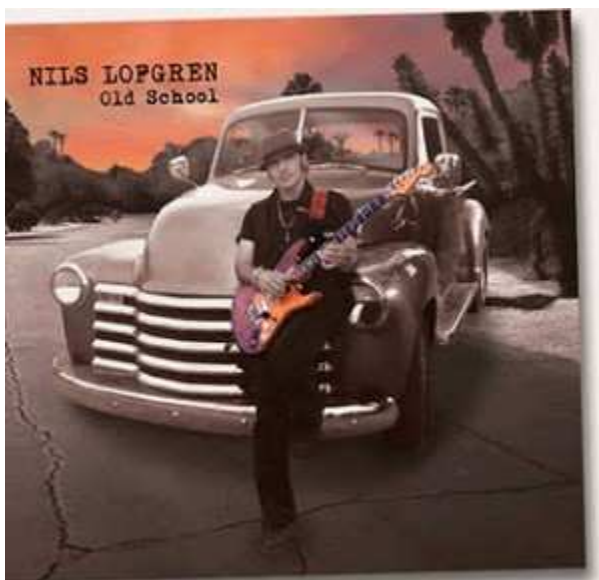


## Nils Lofgren – Old School – Veteran rocker keeps it real.

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By [Robbie Gerson](#), [audaud.com](#) – Certainly Nils

Lofgren is associated with his twenty-seven year stint with Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. But he is a rocker with a considerable pedigree. As a teenager he became a member of Neil Young's band, and played guitar and piano on *After The Gold Rush*. This provided the opportunity to secure a

record deal for his band, Grin. The band lasted only a few years, but secured a devoted following. Lofgren's guitar work and performance theatrics (playing guitar while flipping off a trampoline) excited his fans.

A solo career was sporadic, but produced the critically acclaimed self-titled debut album. He continued to record without much commercial success. A gig as musical director for the Cable Ace Awards kept him in the limelight. In 1984 he joined Springsteen's band and has toured with him extensively. Lofgren continues to record and play with the likes of Ringo Starr, Willie Nelson, David Crosby and Branford Marsalis.

His latest release, Old School consists of various formats that express perspective of a sixty-year-old guitar hero. The opening title track finds the singer in motley sentiment. Jagged slide guitar and soulful backup vocals by Lou Gramm (Foreigner) give new meaning to grumpiness. Another strange rumination on aging, "60 Is The New 18" has the unmistakable feel of eighties indie music. Both of these tracks utilize a horn chorus to construct a rougher mix. Themes of youthful rebellion are now replaced by topical subjects, including cell texting and hip replacement. Lofgren's concern with time passage is detailed in the ragged, "Amy Joan Blues" The inimitable Paul Rodgers (Bad Company) delivers a wailing counter vocal. Lofgren is an excellent rhythm guitarist and passionate singer. [Read more...](#)

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