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ED KUEPPER AND THE KOWALSKI COLLECTIVE JEAN LEE AND THE YELLOW DOG

This October Ed Kuepper releases 'Jean Lee and the Yellow Dog', his first album of all new material since 2001's 'Smile ... Pacific'.

The album was recorded and produced by Kuepper at his own Everest Royal Sound Recorders studio and was inspired by the story of Jean Lee, the last woman hanged in Australia. It features performances by, amongst others, Jeffrey Wegener (Laughing Clowns), Peter Oxley (Sunnyboys), Warren Ellis (Dirty Three) and Chris Bailey (The Saints).

Kuepper felt Jean Lee's life and death had already been well documented and essentially passed into Australian folklore, so the intention with this collection of songs was to take a more personal and, at times, reflective look into aspects of the conflicted personalities and their ambivalent relationships, rather than focus solely on a literal, chronological narrative.

The inspiration for the concept came some years ago, after Kuepper had read a biography of Jean Lee. He immediately thought the idea would make a powerful opera and passed the book on to his partner Judi Dransfield-Kuepper (a recognised artist, photographer and sometime writer of prose and poetry) to see if she would be interested in doing the libretto. Time constraints forced the plan for the opera to be temporarily shelved but Kuepper was so impressed with what Dransfield had already written, that he decided to work parts of the theme into the new recording and develop the opera at a later date.

In addition to the eleven Kuepper/Dransfield-Kuepper originals, 'Jean Lee...' also features a cover of the Grant McLennan track *Finding You* which, in its original form, appears on the final Go-Betweens album 'Oceans Apart'. *Finding You* was initially recorded for a GoBs tribute album but, as the new recording unfolded, was considered so much a part of 'Jean Lee...' that it just begged inclusion. It's a sombre penultimate track that is not without some irony: Ed Kuepper, "Grant once said to me, 'Ed, I love you bro, but the reason you've never had a big hit is that all your songs are in minor keys,' so I covered one of Grant's songs and, lo and behold, it was in a minor key!"

The inclusion of Chris Bailey's vocal came about due to the pair reconnecting in the build-up to The Saints' triumphant reunion for Pig City, an initiative of the Queensland Music Festival, held in July of this year.

"Chris and I had spoken at various times over the years about doing something together again, and the difficult and protracted negotiations for the Saints' one-off reunion provided the perfect opportunity to complicate things even further," remarked Kuepper. "Anyway, I asked if he was into it and he graciously agreed".

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Hang Jean Lee
Miracles
That Depends pt 3
Daddy's Girl
Skinny Jean
Yellow Dog
Demolition
Shame
Real To Me [1]
Real To Me [2]
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Disc One –
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Disc Two - *Pretty Rough Trade*

Conscience [out-take]
The Big 900 [out-take]
Colonel Kramer [out-take]
He Asked For Water And Jean Gives Him Gasoline [out-take]
Miracles [demo]
Shame [demo]
That Depends Pt 1 [demo]
Jean Behind The Wall Of Sleep [Ed, Jeff and Sir Alfonso horsin' around in the studio]
Another Version Of An Australian Badland [out-take]

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LIVE

To celebrate the release of 'Jean Lee and the Yellow Dog', Ed Kuepper and the newly christened Kowalski Collective (Peter Oxley and Jeffrey Wegener) will take to the road for an extensive national tour. Brisbane, Sydney and Victorian audiences will be even more spoiled when the Collective extends to a seven-piece with the addition of keyboard/cellist Jane Elliott and a three-piece horn section. Kuepper, of course, is no stranger to the use of brass, having successfully experimented with the format for the Saints albums 'Eternally Yours' and 'Prehistoric Sounds' and used it as the centrepiece for his post-Saints outfit Laughing Clowns.

And if that wasn't enough, at select shows Ed Kuepper and the Kowalski Collective will play two sets each night, the first being a highlights package of past glories, while the second set will see a run through of 'Jean Lee and the Yellow Dog' in its entirety. Value packed!

Tickets for all shows on sale now.

Friday 12th October: **Brisbane, Muskrat Park, Oktoberfest***

Tickets \$22.00 + bf, available from
www.oktoberfestbrisbane.com/tickets

Saturday 13th October: **Darwin Entertainment Centre**

Tickets \$36.00 (full), \$33.00 (concession), \$30.00 (members)
from Darwin Entertainment Centre front desk or by phone
89803333 or on-line at www.darwinentertainment.com.au

Thursday 18th October: **Sydney, The Basement***

Tickets \$30.00 + bf, available from
www.thebasement.com.au or phone: 9251-2797.

Friday 19th October: **Bulli, Heritage Hotel**

Tickets \$22.00 + bf, available from the venue 4284 5884 or
\$25.00 at the door.

Friday 26th October: **Melbourne, East Brunswick Club***

Tickets \$30.00 + bf, available from the venue, by phone:
9388 9794 or via the website www.eastbrunswickclub.com
or \$33.00 at the door.

Saturday 27th October: **Hepburn Springs Palais***

Tickets \$60.00 + bf (dinner and show) or \$30.00 + bf show
only (standing room only) available from www.moshtix.com
and all moshtix outlets.

Thursday 1st November: **Gold Coast, Sound Lounge**

Tickets \$22.00 + bf, available at:
www.thesoundlounge.com.au or \$25.00 at the door.

Friday 2nd November: **Byron Bay, Hotel Great Northern**

Tickets \$22.00 + bf, available online from:
www.byronbayentertainment.com; direct from the venue –
phone charge: 1300 762 545, Music Bizarre Lismore – phone:
(02) 6622 3262, ABC Shop Ballina – phone: (02) 6686 2436 or
\$25.00 at the door.

Saturday 3rd November: **Eumundi, Live @ Joes**

Tickets \$22.00 + bf, available via phone 07-54428144 or
\$25.00 at the door.

Friday 23rd November: **Fremantle, Fly By Night Club**

Tickets \$27.50 + bf, available from BOCS ticketing phone:
9484 1133 or online www.bocesticketing.com.au or \$30.00 at
the door.

Sunday 25th November: **Adelaide Guitar Festival****

Tickets from all BASS outlets, by phone: 131 246, or online
www.bass.net.au

Saturday 8th December: **Sydney, Homebake***

Tickets from www.ticketek.com.au or phone: 132 849

All shows feature Ed Kuepper, Peter Oxley and Jeffrey Wegener except:
* Full seven-piece line-up **Ed & Jeffrey only.

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'Jean Lee and the Yellow Dog' is
released on Monday 1st October
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