

POP CO-OP

Background

Pop Co-Op is a group of four geographically dispersed musicians who focus on writing and recording originals. They are heavily influenced by The Beatles, Beach Boys, Byrds, Kinks, Doors, CSNY/Neil Young, XTC, Squeeze, Rockpile, and Elvis Costello, to name a few.

The band formed in 2016 as a result of Spongetones bassist Steve Stoeckel inviting friends on social media to collaborate in a songwriting project. After completing several project songs, Stoeckel invited contributing members Bruce Gordon, Joel Tinnel, and Stacy Carson to form a band and record an album of all original material.

Singer-songwriter Stoeckel is a founding member of The Spongetones. He recorded 12 albums under The Spongetones and four EPs under the name Jamie and Steve, with his Spongetone brother Jamie Hoover. Stoeckel has over 200 copyrighted songs to his credit. Gordon is a master of vocal arrangements and has two CDs to his credit under the name Mr. Encrypto. Pop Co-Op is a truly cooperative effort: all four members wrote songs for, recorded, mixed, and produced the album, with Stoeckel on bass, guitar, keyboards and vocals; Tinnel on guitar and vocals; Gordon on guitar, keyboards and vocals; Carson on drums, percussion, keyboards and vocals.

Albums and Music

Pop Co-Op recorded and released their debut CD, Four State Solution, on February 8, 2017. The entire album may be heard on our Bandcamp page: popco-opband.bandcamp.com.

Publicity Photos



Four State Solution Reviews

Musoscribe, Bill Kopp, March 21, 2017

“Those who loved the more rocking end of the ‘Tones catalog will delight in this set, but there are plenty of lovely, quieter moments, too.”

Alan Haber, Pure Pop Radio, February 14, 2017

“These songs, sounding effortless and imbued with the spirit that drives melodic pop, are living, breathing bite-size reminders of what it is about such music that draws so many people to it.”

Power Pop News, Richard Rossi, February 14, 2017

“The record is particularly satisfying ... a collection of catchy, melodic pieces that are enjoyable well after their initial spin on the proverbial turntable ... It Ain’t Easy Being a Boy is right out of the Spongetones playbook. Catchy as all get-go and a sure-fire hit with power pop fans, the song is a great way to end the disc and leave people wanting more.”

Boppin’ (Like the Hip Folks Do), Carl Cafarelli, February 13, 2017

“The album is *Four State Solution*, it’s your favorite album of 2017.”

Online Presence

We maintain an online presence at the following locations:

Official Pop Co-Op web site: www.PopCo-OpBand.com

Facebook: facebook.com/PopCoOpBand

Twitter: twitter.com/PopCoOpBand

Instagram: instagram.com/popcoopband

YouTube: goo.gl/isXPcU

SoundCloud: soundcloud.com/popco-opband

Bandcamp: popco-opband.bandcamp.com

CD Baby: cdbaby.com/cd/popcoop

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