

POP CO-OP

Pop Co-Op are Steve Stoeckel, Bruce Gordon, Stacy Carson, and Joel Tinnel. They were drawn together by their love of and desire to make music they want to hear. They are heavily influenced by The Beatles, Byrds, Beach Boys, Kinks, Doors, CSNY/Neil Young, XTC, Squeeze, Rockpile, and Elvis Costello, among many others.

Pop Co-Op is a truly cooperative effort: all four members write, record, mix, and produce their all original songs. Each guy lives in a different state, and the band doesn't get together physically to record. Instead, they each record their own parts, which are merged in the mixing process -- hence the name of their debut album, "Four State Solution".

The band formed in 2016 when Spongetones singer-songwriter and bassist Steve Stoeckel invited friends on social media to collaborate in a songwriting project. After completing several songs, Stoeckel invited contributing members Gordon, Tinnel, and Carson to form a band and record an album of all original material. Previously, Stoeckel recorded 12 albums under The Spongetones and 5 EPs under Jamie and Steve (collaboration with Jamie Hoover.) He has over 200 copyrighted songs. Gordon is a master of vocal arrangements in his own rights and recorded 2 CDs as Mr. Encrypto.

Albums and Music

Pop Co-Op recorded and released Four State Solution on February 8, 2017. The album features Stoeckel on bass, guitar, keyboards and vocals; Gordon on guitar, keyboards and vocals; Carson on drums, percussion, keyboards and vocals; and Tinnel on guitar and vocals. The album is available at CD Baby, Amazon, iTunes, Google Play, and Kool Kat Musik and may be heard at Bandcamp: popco-opband.bandcamp.com.



FSS singles are featured on This is Rock 'n' Roll Radio vol. 4 and International Pop Overthrow vol. 20. Additional compilation CD materials are in the works, including a Matthew Sweet cover and an original 80's tribute song. The band is working on album #2, due out in mid- to late 2018.

Four State Solution Reviews

John Borack, Goldmine Magazine

“There are more than a few highlights: the Stonesy rocker ‘Feint of Heart,’ the sweet ‘Forgotten Secrets’ and ‘A Trick of the Light,’ and the spiffy ‘Malaprop Girl’ are all choice cuts ... *Four State Solution* is certainly a positive first step.”

Carl Cafarelli, Boppin’ (Like the Hip Folks Do) & This is Rock ‘n’ Roll Radio

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

Alan Haber, Pure Pop Radio

“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.”

Bill Kopp, Musoscribe

“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.”

PowerPopaholic

“There are some singles that shine, like ‘Malaprop’ and the Who-like ‘It Ain’t Easy Being a Boy.’ Definitely worth exploring.”

LMNOP aka dONW7, Babysue

“A cool album chock full of gliding melodies, cool guitars, and distinctly groovy rhythms... Twelve superb tracks... Top pick.”

Richard Rossi, Power Pop News

“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.”

Publicity Photos



Pop Co-Op is (clockwise, from top left): Steve Stoeckel, Bruce Gordon, Joel Tinnel, and Stacy Carson.

Additional Information Online

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

Also on:

Facebook: facebook.com/PopCoOpBand

Twitter: twitter.com/PopCoOpBand

Instagram: instagram.com/PopCoOpBand

Bandcamp: popco-opband.bandcamp.com

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