



## THE **LIONS RAMPANT**

BLUES INFUSED, GARAGE BREWED, ROCK 'N ROLL



Letting your freak flag fly at more than half-mast is a way of life for **THE LIONS RAMPANT**. This edgy, blues infused, garage rock, pseudo pop three-piece sings their way through a storybook of life's ups and downs with unfettered energy, mauling the Midwestern music scene and dragging it right back where it belongs: in your face. **It's Fun To Do Bad Things**, their full-length debut, is a testament to what it's like to be youthful, adventurous and carefree...without sparing any of the gritty details. With the spice and drive of 60's guitar licks and lyrics not unlike those of The Clash, The Lions Rampant breathe new life into the scene with a collection of crisp and wildly soulful melodies that will whisk your rock-ready ears back a few decades. But fear not, *It's Fun To Do Bad Things* promises a lasting rock fix that delivers again and again...timelessly, like its influences. View the band's new music video for the single "Lights On" ([www.deepelm.com/videos](http://www.deepelm.com/videos)) - a song about breaking up but then "doin' it" one last time - and you'll get the picture if you haven't already. The Lions Rampant remind us what rock and roll is truly about at the most organic of levels.

"On *It's Fun To Do Bad Things*, we wanted to expand our musical horizons and focus on tighter songwriting, psychedelia, call and response, new instrumentation, etc. while still remaining true to our wild and free rock n roll / punk rock beginnings. The album is a celebration of figuring out love and pushing one's boundaries," says lead vocalist Stuart Mackenzie. "It tells the story of a young romantic and his search for love, taking things to the limit, enjoying the nightlife, falling in and out of love. These songs are a 'diary' of sorts...definitely a coming of age for us. The album title is tongue-in-cheek. Rock and roll has always been about bad behavior, but we're not what you would call 'bad evil' of course. The Lions Rampant is definitely 'good evil.' And that's what this record is all about..." adds Mackenzie.

"They transcend gritty garage clichés through sheer tunefulness and fun vocal interplay." - *30music*

"The Lions Rampant play with the heartfelt soul that embodied the earliest rock of the '60s." - *Alt Weekly*

"Catchy and infinitely entertaining, The Lions Rampant is rock n' roll at its most raw and impulsive." - *City Beat*

The Lions Rampant is Stuart Mackenzie (vocals, guitar, theremin, handclaps), Nick Vogelpohl (bass, vocals) and Nathan Wagner (drums, vocals). *It's Fun To Do Bad Things* was recorded and produced with Cameron Cochran and Mike Montgomery at Candyland Studios in Cincinnati, OH. Guest performers include Cameron Cochran (piano) Jared McKinney (organ, The Greenhorns), Zach Gabbard (vocals, Buffalo Killers), Rueben Glaser (guitar, Pearlene), Ross Dolan (guitar, White Girls) and Amy Jo (vocals, Viva La Foxx). Deep Elm is simultaneously re-releasing the band's two critically-acclaimed EPs "Play Rock N Roll" (2008) and "Half Women Half Alcohol" (2007). The "Lights On" music video was produced by Ragged Productions with art direction by Scott Beseler and Marisa Calihan (who appeared on "Survivor"). A second video is in the works. The band is known for donning lion costumes ("cause chicks dig them") and sometimes nothing at all during their ferociously fun live performances. They reside in the outskirts of Cincinnati (Dayton, Kentucky).

For Fans of: The Black Keys, John Spencer Blues Explosion, The Kinks, The White Stripes, The Hives, The MC5  
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