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Subject: Re: Classic Rock

Posted by [DJ](#) on Tue, 03 Jul 2007 02:51:02 GMT

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The best Steve Miller album, IMO, was his LP called Sailor when Boz skaggs was a member of the band. I think my favorite Steve Miller song is Dime A Dance Romance and that was written by Boz Skaggs. The words are pretty unintelligible, but there is enough nuance in them to paint an alluring mental image of a debauch in a waterfront bar....sort of a Louie Louie kinda' thing. There were also a couple of rockers on some other albums of that era..one song called Steppin Stone and another that I can't remember.

Fly like an Eagle???.....the only great thing about that album, IMO, was that it was recorded in his garage on a TEAC 80-80 (or so the legend goes). The Joker was a joke.....bleecccchhh!!!!

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I always liked the way Delf's voice morphed into guitar feedback at the beginning of the lead solo in More than A Feeling.

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"DC" <dc@spammersinboston.com> wrote in message news:468b34d3\$1@linux...

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> I met Scholz and he is definitely Thad's kind of guy. Highly educated,  
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"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message news:468b1652@linux...

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 03 Jul 2007 19:15:12 GMT

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ZZTop sucks now because of their own dumb choices of style. Eddie has been  
ravaged by alcohol and just can't play.

Billy Gibbons is still amazing like Angus Young but his taste has gone from  
genius (Deguello, Rhythmeen) to crap (Mescalero, XXX).

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 03 Jul 2007 22:45:27 GMT

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I'm most certainly white but I ain't no cracker.

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even just on a boom box through a sheet of drywall. The older the tracks  
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Oh yeah, that song has one of the best crazy twisted guitar solos ever.

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 03:32:39 GMT

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 05:58:56 GMT

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>I always liked the way Delf's voice morphed into guitar feedback at the

>beginning of the lead solo in More than A Feeling.

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>;o)

Daltrey did that in Quadrophenia... cool stuff.

Brad was one of the greatest singers...

DC

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>"DC" <dc@spammersinboston.com> wrote in message news:468b34d3\$1@linux...

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Posted by [John](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 10:35:37 GMT

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 14:31:37 GMT

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(check your clock)

David.

Happy 4th to our Southern neighbors!

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(trivia time!)  
AA

"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message news:468b1550\$1@linux...  
> Oh yeah, that song has one of the best crazy twisted guitar solos ever.  
>  
> I gotta get outa here . . . I've . . . got . . . to . . . get . . . OUT .  
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Subject: Re: Classic Rock

Posted by [DJ](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 16:51:17 GMT

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One of the best concerts I ever saw in my life was ZZ top in 1971 in the football stadium at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches Texas. I was flabbergasted. The only other time I had seen guitar playing like that had been at a Hendrix concert back in the late summer of 1970, right before he died.

Billy Gibbons can really play some incredible stuff. I really don't like stylistic direction he and the band eventually took. By 1974, they weren't innovative any more. it was all this "formula/Texas Hype" and it got really old and stupid. I was at their Barndance and Bar B Q concert in Memorial Stadium in Austin in the summer of '74. 80,000 people sitting on concrete bleachers and astroturf stoned and drunk out of their minds in the middle of July with very limited water supplies and bags of Reddi Ice being sold by the promoters for \$10.00+ per. When the sun went down, people were so crazed from the drugs and the heat that they started lighting fires on the Astroturf. UT didn't allow another concert in that stadium for 25 years.

Bad Company (with Jimmy Paige sitting in) opened the concert, followed by Santana. ZZ top showed up after that and they were just "loud" and mediocre by comparison, wearing these white Gene Autry costumes with oversized 20 gallon hats. I thought I was hallucinating.....well....more than usual. Santana, OTOH, just stole the show. I went out and bought Borboletta the next day.

OK.....rant off..

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Heheh!!!!.....well.....hmmmmm.....maybe I can turn back the clock  
this way and my hair will grow back  
;o)

"EK Sound" <askme@nospam.com> wrote in message news:468bb548@linux...  
> DJ... you're a day behind... try to keep up man!! ;-)  
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> (check your clock)  
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> David.  
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> Happy 4th to our Southern neighbors!  
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> DJ wrote:  
>> One of my all time favorite bands live, as well. Those guys could rock  
>> the house/arena/earth. I was devastated when Lowell died. You know how  
>> some people are diehard Deadheads????.....I was a Feathead.  
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>> "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message

>> news:468b1652@linux...  
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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 17:21:57 GMT  
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I read an interview with Scholz soon after Delp's death. He was reminiscing about vocal sessions - he was amazed at how Brad would lay down these impossibly high melody lines, effortlessly, and then just as effortlessly go back and lay down the high harmonies on top of the impossibly high melody lines.

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 20:50:31 GMT

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Cracker = pejorative term for white people. As in 'He's such a cracker he thinks James Brown was a running back and Bootsy Collins is a drink.'

Whether you are one or not, I defer to the famous Warren Buffet line, 'If you sit down at the poker table and after 30 minutes don't know who the patsy is, you're the patsy.'

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 21:05:06 GMT

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I actually admire Scholtz for a number of reasons. He sued his sweat shop record label (with money made from his electronics) and won. He designed some really cool guitar gear, I still wish I had my Rockman chorus module. Also, as you say, a bright and thoughtful guy when interviewed. But I just can't hang with the music.

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 21:14:11 GMT

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 21:36:47 GMT  
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Posted by [DJ](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 21:59:47 GMT  
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I agree that Boston is almost "midilike" in their production. It's something  
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'n roll.

.....when I think of Rock 'n roll, I think of Sam  
Kiniston's video of "Wild Thing". Three chords and an orgasm. It is the  
pure and quintessential essence of the art form, IMO.

;o)

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Subject: Re: Classic Rock  
Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 22:49:45 GMT  
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I love more than a feeling. Awesome song.

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Subject: Re: Classic Rock

Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 22:58:20 GMT

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I guess I view stuff like Boston, Steely Dan, Toy Matinee, etc., as skillfully-crafted works - they're deliberate in so many aspects, and it's that which takes you to where they want you to go... I mean, there's a whole world in Aja - just listen to it open-mindedly sometime. Same goes for the first Boston album (sorry, I don't even give them a pass on "Don't Look Back" - it's ok, but nothing like the first one).

If guys like Fagen & Scholz would've wanted to produce raw emotion & slightly out-of-tune chording, they certainly could have. Scholz's problem is that he couldn't sustain the vision very long.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 00:02:33 GMT  
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You would think since everyone recognizes that Aja is a masterpiece that Steely Dan would have created more music with heavy studio chops and extended instrumental instead of the much less interesting stuff like their latest couple. it seems like such a no brainer but they missed it.

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Sorry about the theft. Your music seems really chord-driven rather than lead-guitar driven and I think a fuzz-type pedal might mush out pretty quick. For more grind without mush, I like the Barber Direct Drive.

<http://www.barberelectronics.com/directdrive.htm>

Yeah, they talk a lot about "vintage" this and that but the pedal has a good grind to it.

See if there is somewhere you can try one out.

Also, I have heard that the Foxrox ZIM is great and you can swap cards out to get what you want.

<http://www.foxroxelectronics.com/>

And there may be a fuzz that does just what you want that I have not heard.

I have one of these:

<http://www.tone-man.com/rangemaster.htm>

on order, and I can't wait to hear what all those germanium overtones do in front of my Direct Drive.

More to follow.

How's the band doing?

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Subject: Re: Classic Rock

Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 05:25:54 GMT

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But I also love the Ramones.

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"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message  
news:468bcac5@linux...

> Do you know how Alice recorded that vocal section?  
> (trivia time!)  
> AA  
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> "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message  
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 05 Jul 2007 16:03:25 GMT

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Everybody has an opinion, so I'll give mine too. Most classic rock is old, tired, and over played, however I still love a lot of it. For me it's mood music. When I'm in the mood I can really dig it, it takes me back. When I'm not in the mood, I can hardly stand it. One thing I really like about classic rock is, it was real musicianship.

The band Boston took rock to a new level at the time. The songs, the playing, the sound, the production and the way that music was recorded were all notable at the time. Rockin' organ, Boston's incorporation of the Hammond B3 organ in rock at the time was also notable. Also, the concepts and the art work on the album covers for Boston and Steve Miller were exceptional at the time. I think Boston really did want to take us to a new place musically.

If you don't care for Boston or Steve Miller that's cool. If you think that they have been over played, that they had their fair time on the radio and should move over for new music, that is Ok too.

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I saw Mark Farner, he was good. Blue Oyster Cult they were Ok, and Paul Rogers. Paul Rogers was great! He still has a great voice, and the band was tight. I also saw Puddle of Mud, and they were good as well.

The week before I was dragged to a Ted Nugent show, they sure rocked it for a three piece band. It was a freebie, so I went. A few years ago I saw him and I have to say he had the worst sound I had ever heard, bar none. This time the sound was Ok.

These guys still draw big crowds here in Detroit, I'm sure in other parts of the country they wouldn't draw flies.

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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Fri, 06 Jul 2007 06:28:36 GMT  
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On Thu, 5 Jul 2007 18:47:08 -0500, "Aaron Allen"  
<know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote:

>Ezrin stacked a bunch of folding chairs on Vincent, effectively trapping him  
>in something tangible, then rolled tape. Heh.  
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>AA <- Cooper fan  
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>"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message news:468cf91a@linux...  
>> Hmm . . . I'm guessing here . . . in a straightjacket? I'm much better  
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>>> "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message  
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>>>> Oh yeah, that song has one of the best crazy twisted guitar solos ever.  
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