

Amy Gore and her Valentines Release Their Debut Album *In Love*



Amy Gore and her Valentines have pure Detroit pedigrees in spades – their musical backgrounds give them the chops they need to rock, but it's the on stage synchronicity that drives the band. Their first single was released in 2011, and garnered praise from Huffington Post, Detroit Metro Times. Now, the debut album from Amy Gore and her Valentines is here! *In Love* dropped October 13, 2013 to praise from the Lincoln Star, Guitar World Magazine, Power Pop Aholc, and others. The group continues to command attention with their riveting live performances.

In Love was produced, engineered and mixed by Al Sutton (**Kid Rock**) and includes special guests **Luis Resto (Was (Not Was), Eminem)**, funk guitar genius **Dennis Coffey** and guitarist **Jackson Smith's** pianist sister, **Jesse Paris Smith**. It will be available on vinyl, cd and digitally.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Amy Gore has been the heart and soul of bands like **Gore Gore Girls** and Gorevette, producing critically acclaimed albums and performing with icons like **The Cramps** and **Blondie**. In early 2011, she'd written a batch of new songs and booked a one-off show at Detroit's Blow Out festival to perform them. Originally named Amy Gore and the Squires, Gore assembled Jackson Smith (**Patti Smith Group, T-Bone Burnett's Speaking Clock Revue, Electric Six**) on guitar, Leann Banks (the **Von Bondies**) on bass and Joe Leone (Grayling, Fletcher Pratt) hitting the skins. It became obvious on stage that the band's chemistry was too potent to walk away from. "We had no expectations beyond that first show, but the chemistry on stage was instant and powerful. It was as if everyone in the room knew something special was happening. Afterwards, Jackson called me to say they wanted to continue as a real band, he and Joe were really impressed with my songs and the vibe on stage. I couldn't ask for better band mates, so we decided to move forward."

A name change followed (they dubbed it the Valentines following a particularly prolific songwriting session Gore had over that weekend in February) and the band began recording and playing high profile shows. In April of 2011, the band entered the studio with Al Sutton (Kid Rock) at Rustbelt Studios. Gore and the band have stylistically evolved from her roots in the punk/garage world, the Valentine's sound is pure rock n' roll with power pop touches; the songs are unbelievably infectious. Smith's guitar work gives these songs their edge – his bluesy solo on "So Lost Now" rips through the pretty vocals and wouldn't be out of place on a T Rex album. Smith performs in the Patti Smith Group and other bands – he is on hiatus while touring, Franklin Hambone, Jr will be playing guitar at the live shows.

Amy Gore and Her Valentines came together organically and quickly gelled into a band that sounds like they've spent years together. The band's dramatic stage presence demands attention – great song craft and unforgettable melodies will keep audiences in thrall long after that first glance.

Amy Gore and her Valentines:

Amy Gore – Lead Vocals, Guitar

Leann Banks – Bass, Vocals, Hammond B3 on “Static”

Jackson Smith –Guitar (Studio)

Brett Lucas – Guitar (Live)

Joe Leone – Drums, Percussion

Track Listing:

Drivin' Around

Cadillac

Just A Dream

Fine Without You

I'm Addicted

Static

You Won't Lead Me On

Baby In Your Arms

Remember Me

Blackout

Diana

Send Me A Postcard

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