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GENRE-BENDING ROCKER ANDY MACINTYRE ANNOUNCES NEW EP 'MELOMANIA' DROPPING APRIL 14

Bluesy guitar-playing frontman set to debut new EP with release party at Antone's

(AUSTIN, TEXAS – Nov. 29, 2017; source: Juice Consulting) – The Austin-based frontman, songwriter and guitar aficionado **Andy Macintyre** announces his new EP, “**Melomania**,” on **April 14, 2018** with an official EP release show that evening at **Antone's** located at **305 E. 5th St., Austin, Texas 78701**. In addition to Andy's signature post-grunge blues rock sound, the evening will also feature performances by **Van Wilks**, **Jacqui Walker** and special surprise guests. Doors are at 9 p.m. and the show will begin at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. VIP packages will be available for \$25 a seat and include a physical copy of EP, table seating near stage, a show poster and meet-and-greet. For advance tickets, please see [here](#). For more information on Andy, please see www.macintyrerocks.com.

Andy approached Grammy-nominated mixing engineer **Tim Palmer** (**Pearl Jam**, **U2**, **Tears for Fears**, **Blue October**) in 2016 with a batch of demo songs and was ecstatic when Tim agreed to work with him on this new project. Recording at **Wire Recording** studio with **Stuart Sullivan** (**Sublime**, **Meat Puppets**, **Jimmie Vaughan**) and **Eric Harrison** at **Studio 601** (**MGMT**, **Capital Cities**, **Jason Isbell**), Andy captured what he feels is the best album of his career.

"Andy has a unique voice, said **Tim Palmer**. "I don't think he sounds like anyone else! You have to have strong songs to start out with, and I believe there are really strong songs on this album [EP]."

"The title of track two is 'Meloman,' which means 'music lover,' so the title 'Melomania,' I think, implies someone who lives for and through music, it's part of who they are," said Macintyre. "I want

to write songs that speak to the anger, confusion and also the joy that I think a lot of society has been feeling. This album I feel really showcases everything I'm capable of as an artist, from the stylistic variation and song crafting to the quality of the performances."

Andy has spent over a decade in Austin writing songs, recording and performing music live, including a few years as lead guitarist in local famed band **Dorkstar**, and has released four independent records outside of that project. His songwriting, guitar prowess and onstage presence has attracted attention from fans and other musicians alike.

"This dude can play a mean Stratocaster," said **Gary Clark Jr.** "I realized that I needed to go practice after meeting this dude."

"Andy's got a style that's definitely rooted in the blues, [but] he can sway into the rock category, he can sway into the country category, and not everybody can do that," said **Kris Krishna** (management for Gary Clark Jr.). "He's definitely one of those guys you either got it or you don't and he's one of those guys that got it."

For this new EP, Andy felt a pull to a new style of music, so he decided to take what he loved about the rock and the blues and turn it upside down to create his own unique "genre-bending" sound. Working with fellow rockers **Jacqui Walker**, Texas guitar legend **Van Wilks**, and Austin-based **Lauren Silva**, Andy has put together a release that is set to bring a unique spin on rock & roll to Austin.

THE "MELOMANIA" TRACKLIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Cocoon (feat. Jacqui Walker)
- 2) Meloman
- 3) Soul Survivor
- 4) Juice
- 5) Dumb
- 6) Blu Moon (feat. Van Wilks & Lauren Silva)

ABOUT ANDY MACINTYRE:

Upon discovering the urban "electrified" blues and rock 'n roll in his parent's vinyl collection, Chicago native Andy Macintyre was incubated with the sounds and sights of pop music. Mostly self-taught in guitar, Andy first tackled rock guitar before discovering blues guitar greats like Jimi Hendrix, Albert Collins, Muddy Waters and SRV. Later, as a career musician, he found his own unique way of melding the genres of artists he first emulated in his youth, what he describes as "straddling the line of alternative and guitar-heavy blues-rock." Andy soon made the move to center stage as front man of his own power trio. Between 2007 and 2015, he released four independent albums while touring Texas and the Southwest. With a heavy hand on constructed songs, melody and vocal performances, he works with Doug Day on drums and Christopher "Spanky" Alexander on bass. With Doug's percussion composition and Christopher's driving bass lines, this would become the defining sound of Andy's band, MacIntyre. For more information on Andy MacIntyre, please see www.macintyrerocks.com.

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