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1. *Whose Honey Are You?* 2. *That's Alright (Mama)* 3. *Lost Highway* 4. *Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams* 5. *Mo' Better Blues* 6. *My Babe* 7. *Dream Man* 8. *Riverboat Shuffle* 9. *Lonesome Town* 10. *Heartaches* 11. *Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out* 12. *The Tennessee Waltz (feat. Kate Voss)* Birch Pereira - Vocals/Bass Jason Goessl - Guitar (1-4, 7,8,10) Daniel Rainard - Guitar (5,6,9,12) Adrian Van Batenburg - Drums (1,4,7,8) Sam Esecson - Drums (2,3,10) David Bush - Drums (5,6,9,12) Jacob Zimmerman - Clarinet/Saxophone (1,4,7,8) Tim Kennedy - Wurlitzer (6,7,10,12) Kate Voss - Vocals (3,9,12) Raymond Larson - Trumpet (1) Brooks Miner - Organ (9,12)

Born out of a love of the early years of swing, country and rock 'n' roll, Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints is a band whose sound transports you to the time of speakeasies, honky-tonks and rock 'n' roll joints. With upright bassist and vocalist Birch Pereira at its center, the band features many of Seattle's most skilled and versatile musicians who share the love of the American song traditions and a desire to offer a fresh angle on them.

Birch Pereira is an almost eerily versatile bassist, arranger, and singer, as seemingly at home with the electronic beats and synth textures of his band Theoretics as he is wandering the dusty roads of American vernacular music with The Gin Joints. It's a fairly rare upright bass player who can sing great lead vocals while laying down a locked-in groove, but Pereira makes it sound easy. His high tenor is delicate but authoritative, and always in the pocket, and the stripped-down but superbly effective arrangements are spot on.

Able to blend Willie Dixon, Hank Williams, Fats Waller, and much more into a single tasty brew, The Gin Joints obviously have a distinctive skill at deftly exploring the sometimes treacherous seams between country, swing and the roadhouse, while finding the timeless essence of great songs from any era. Highly recommended. --- theginjointsband.com

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