

Catfish John Tisdell

Dirty Business

Mauie musician Catfish John Tisdell has just released a new CD entitled *Dirty Business*, and if you like rootsy blues/rock you might want to check this one out. Montana native Catfish went the do-it-yourself way with this one, recording it at his own Koa music studio. The CD was recorded with a very live feel to it that almost had me thinking that I'd wandered into a blues club, minus the cigarette smoke!

Catfish played almost all the instruments on the CD with a little help from his friends Steve Wright on drums and Robert Lamb on piano.

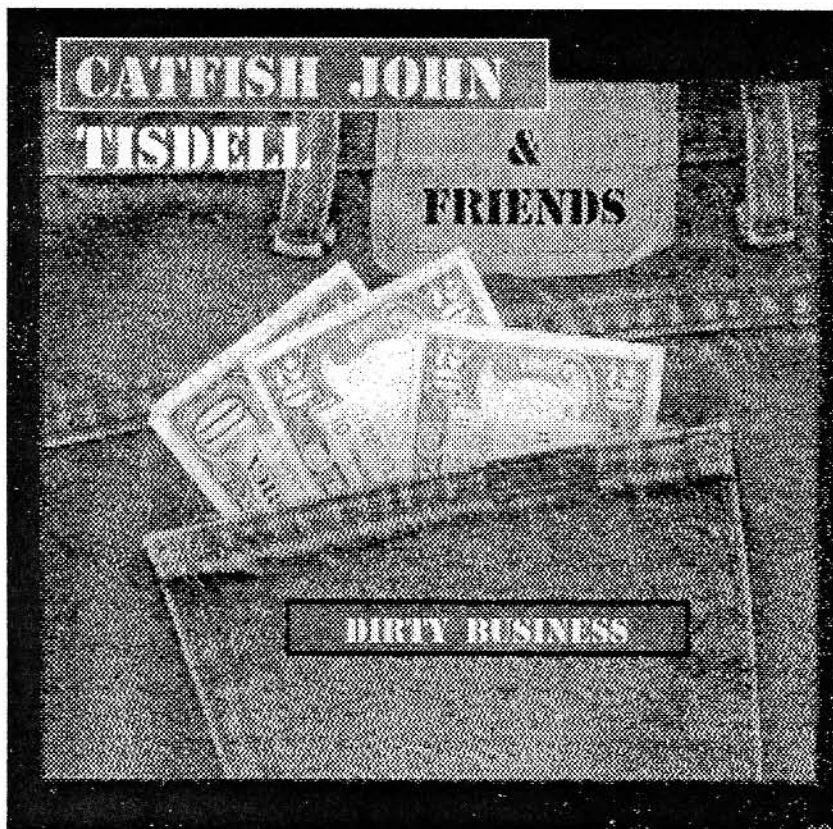
The CD starts with "I Love To Rock and Roll" and as you can guess, Catfish loves to rock & roll. The second song, "I've Got a Woman" is a bluesy love song dedicated to Debi Tisdell... bluesy love song? Sounds like an oxymoron! Up next is "Coffee Buzz" Catfish's ode to his favorite beverage. "Dirty Business" is a pretty scathing indictment of the recording industry that is set up with a nice groove by Catfish and drummer Steve Wright. "Workin' Overtime" has some nice harp work with a dobro solo by Catfish; there's nothing like dobro to bring that rural roots vibe to the music!

"Loosin' Up That Thing" has a country swing flavor that would not be out of place on an "Asleep At Wheel" CD, with Tisdell handling the fiddle chores.

This CD has a real loose, live, lets-get-together-and-jam feel to it, with no midi'ed-up keyboards or drum machines that are common on a lot of do it yourself recordings. Catfish has a long resume' that includes radio & TV production, writing a guitar instructional book, teaching guitar, and running his own recording studio.

So, if the word "roadhouse" applies to the music you like, you just might want to give this one a listen.

The CD is available at Borders music in Kahului.



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