

OLA PODRIDA

GHOSTS GO BLIND

David Wingo is a busy man. In the years since the release of his last record as Ola Podrida, he's written and recorded soundtracks for several movies including *Take Shelter* (winner of the Grand Prix at Cannes in 2011), *MUD* (starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon), and *Prince Avalanche* (starring Paul Rudd and Emile Hirsch and co-composed with Explosions In The Sky), both of which are seeing wide release this coming spring/summer. When he had time in between films, Wingo assembled a live band featuring Colin Swietek on guitars, Matt Clark on bass, and David Hobizal on drums and began to bring his new songs in to the band. A first for Ola Podrida, the new album *Ghosts Go Blind* was recorded to tape in a proper studio, mostly live, with the full band. The resulting songs are energetic and accessible, while Wingo's abstract narratives are more personal and intimate than ever.

Throughout the album bittersweet memories of youth are filtered through the nostalgic eyes of a man starting to accept his adult life for the first time. The album opens with last guy at the party pleading for someone to stay with him, and keep the revelry going a little longer. It's an almost cringeworthy desperation, and yet Wingo makes it feel relatable. The final refrain "It's no fun, being alone at the end" takes on a bigger meaning, giving you the feeling his friends have grown up and moved on, leaving him to decide how he'll proceed with his life. By the middle of the album, the character has evolved, now pleading with his partner again, but this time the goal is to stay home and shut out the world.

Part of what makes this album so satisfying is how elegantly Wingo uses the mundane, common events of day-to-day life to conjure tales of desperation, resignation, and reflection. The power of Wingo's storytelling is magnified by Swietek's shimmering riffs and Clark and Hobizal's alternately propulsive and restrained rhythms. In the end, *Ghosts Go Blind* is about finding someone you resonate with and want to grow old with, appreciating the carefree days of youth, and steadying yourself for whatever comes next.

INFORMATION

+ The soundtrack for *Prince Avalanche* (directed by David Gordon Green and starring Paul Rudd) is a collaborative effort between David Wingo and Explosions in the Sky.

+ Wingo also collaborated on songs with Rafael Saadiq for the *The Sitter* (starring Jonah Hill) and with Lucero for *MUD* (starring Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon)

+ Wingo's soundtrack for *Take Shelter* (winner of the Grand Prix at Cannes in 2011) was nominated for best soundtrack by the World Soundtrack Academy

+ Ola Podrida has played throughout the US, including shows with Fleet Foxes, Explosions in the Sky, She & Him, Beach House, and many more.

+ Ola Podrida has received praise from Pitchfork, Gorilla vs. Bear, Stereogum, Brooklyn Vegan, Spin, Pop Matters, NPR, and many more.

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POP

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LP / CD

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LP JACKET / JEWELCASE

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NONE



TRACK LIST

- 1 Not Ready to Stop
- 2 Fumbling For The Light
- 3 Washing Away
- 4 Blind To The Blues
- 5 Staying In
- 6 Ghosts Go Blind
- 7 Speed of Light
- 8 Some Sweet Relief
- 9 The Notes Remain

PRESS QUOTES

"...lingers long after those last notes have stopped reverberating"
PITCHFORK

"This record is a quiet gem, something very rare in these times."
UNDER THE RADAR

"...an atmosphere that brings to mind the wide Western plains or old, not-quite-forgotten lovers."
SPIN

"... beautifully atmospheric...and deceptively complex..."
NPR

"very good album...fantastic live show. Definitely worth checking out"
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