

Mp3 The Kinship - Beautiful Deadly Addiction

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Classic and Modern Rock collides with very catchy results in this debut from the Lone Star State. 11 MP3 Songs ROCK: Hard Rock, ROCK: Classic Rock Details: The Kinship serve it up hotter than the Texas sun with their independent, debut release, "Beautiful Deadly Addiction." !!!!! Having played together in several musical projects in the late 90's and into the new century, the trio of guitarist Jeff Bell, bassist Jeremy McElroy, and drummer Chris Cropper couldn't have been a more tightly knit band of musicians. Smokey biker bars and cover song after cover song, however, seemed to be a dead end road for the group; until a chance meeting with an old acquaintance shed some well needed light at the end of their tunnel.

Singer/guitarist Shelby Thibodeaux grew up in Port Arthur, Texas - the same small gulf coast town as Bell, McElroy and Cropper. In search of his own rock'n'roll dream, he moved to Los Angeles in 1995. There he helped form The Kinship. With its soulful rock sound, the group gigged the Southern California circuit for nearly five years. However, personal differences and the pressures of the highly competitive L.A. scene dismantled the band. With his musical career at a stand still, and his overall future uncertain, Thibodeaux moved back home in 2001. For Bell, McElroy and Cropper, someone with Thibodeaux's experience, strong voice, and great songwriting ability was just what they needed to take their music to the next level. After meeting with the trio, and realizing the potential for a great rock band, Thibodeaux decided to give the Southeast Texas scene another shot. The band was officially formed in 2002 under the name Honeytongue. "We knew we finally had all the pieces to have a good, solid rock'n'roll band," says guitarist Jeff Bell. "I don't think we really thought it would come together as quick as it did." A quick pace indeed. The group wrote an album's worth of material in six months. They also won a major 'battle of the bands' competition with just their first three performances. Shortly afterwards, the band began recording sessions for what would be its debut album. The 11-track record was produced by fellow Texas musician Jason Touchette of the group Podunk. Before its release however, the band needed a new name. The name Honeytongue had already been in use. "We were all pulling our hair out trying to come up with a new name," admits Bell. "We all liked The Kinship as a name. It seemed to fit well with us and we knew it wasn't being used anymore." The record titled "Beautiful Deadly Addiction" was finally released in April. It

showcases consistantly the band's no frills blend of hard rock, blues and soul. Since then, The Kinship has performed regularly throughout the Southeast Texas region. As Bell explains, performing on stage is where the group's true heart and soul shines. "I think we connect well with our audience. We love performing...and to see new fans out there, moving and participating...its just the greatest feeling. Whether its five people or 500, we try to give them a solid, fun rock show."

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