

# theBadSeeds

The Bad Seeds Band - Press Release 1966 to 2007

It has taken 40 years but theBadSeeds have finally released their original music "The Bad Seeds - Return" on Apple iTunes. Unlike other bands that "made it big" way back in the 1960's and 70's, theBadSeeds had to wait until 2007 for their time in the sun.



TheBadSeeds are a garage band formed by guitarist Allan Jansen in the fall of 1966 at Kilgore College, in Kilgore, Texas. Allan and college roommate and keyboardist Dennis Fehler immediately began the search for band members. Soon, Kilgore classmate and vocalist Larry Drennan joined Allan and Dennis and the beginning of the band formed quickly. During most of the fall of 1966 other Kilgore musicians auditioned but the band didn't jell until McGregor, Texas High School classmates Skip Spoons and Mike Rushing joined to play guitar and bass. The last need was for a good drummer. Over the years, theBadSeeds have performed with numerous drummers and the band joked about having to always find a drummer on "short notice."

In Kilgore [Allan's Freshman year] the band came to be quite popular with the Kilgore Rangerettes, who arranged for theBadSeeds to play at several football pep rallies, a few fraternity and sorority parties, and some private parties as well.

TheBadSeeds most memorable gig in the spring of 1968 was the Kilgore nightclub Fat City. The band performed the weekend between "John Fred and the Playboys" and "Roy Orbison." The band is able to relate the story about having a larger audience than either of the two headliner acts primarily because of theBadSeeds local appeal, and local fire marshal was not present that night to restrict the audience. It was a genuine musical night to remember.

The band established their claim to fame, and actually made money, by throwing private parties and selling tickets in the region around Waco, Texas. In Ennis, Texas theBadSeeds performed at Sokol Hall and in McGregor, Texas at the Hermann Sons Hall (to name a few). The Bad Seeds stopped performing in 1968, shortly after the Vietnam "Tet Offensive," when three of the band members were called to serve their country.

After military service and college none of the band members lived in the same area, so there was never an opportunity to "get back together." At high school class reunions classmates encouraged theBadSeeds to perform one more time, but it never materialized. TheBadSeeds did not resume performing as a band until the spring of 2000 when Mike Rushing suggested

the band should throw a big bash "live" at McGregor Hall [the old Hermann Sons Hall]. The first band reunion was so successful there were two more to follow. The three band reunions were titled Bad Seed Bash's [2000-2002] and featured a few of the musicians in the Waco area to sit in and share the enjoyment of playing together one more time. Most recently, the band has performed the past two years for Founder's Day in McGregor, and we continue to play for private parties.

TheBadSeeds play cover music by The Kinks, The Doors, The Animals, Wilson Pickett, The Rolling Stones, The Kingsmen, ZZ Top, Jonny Lang, Jimi Hendrix and many more.



Dennis Fehler - Keyboard | David Toms - Drums | Skip Spoons - Guitar | Mike Rushing - Bass | Ronnie Mahan - Vocals | Allan Jansen - Guitar

In addition to the cover music, forty years later, theBadSeeds perform many original songs that reflect the youthful 1960's and chronicle the 21st century with the sounds that are uniquely Bad Seeds. The Bad Seeds – Return is the current album that features sixteen of the best of the best Bad Seeds sounds.



#### **The Bad Seeds - Return**

1. The 60's (2:53)
2. TV2 (3:29)
3. All Night Baby (3:04)
4. Make Me Feel (2:26)
5. The 4 Bar Blues (4:08)
6. If I Had Known (3:25)
7. Get It (2:48)
8. Don't Know (3:12)
9. Get In or Get Out (3:05)
10. Mad Dog Killer (2:59)
11. My Job (2:06)
12. Heaven (1:54)
13. More or Less (3:18)
14. Romeo (2:52)
15. You Won't Change (3:36)
16. Bo's Place (3:56)

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Regards,

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