

THE TOYES LIVE

“Excellent guitar-heavy rock reggae, somewhere between Bob Marley and Bare Naked Ladies”

Jim Foley, KXCI, Tucson

A unique and tasty brew, served up by a strange and wonderful crew. Huge jungle reggae/rock beats with thumping bass and drums. Stir in tasty guitar and crisp multi-part vocals. It's tight, it's big and it's FUN.

But the songs are the thing! Toyes songs are so catchy, so down-right clever, that the depth of perception in their writing sometimes doesn't hit you until later. A BIG groove with a big message.

They rock us silly and make us happy, and everybody dances all night long. All the while, The Toyes dissect our world, and our politics, with surgical, and often brutally funny, precision.

After the show, you'll find yourself singing Toyes songs you didn't even know you knew.

Mawg (lead vocals, lead guitar, writer) is a multi-ethnic French-American dual-national, born in the USA to a Frenchwoman and a Russian/Egyptian. He was reared on an early diet of Beatles and great blues during his LA childhood. As a teen, he moved to France, where he began his pro career and discovered Bob Marley and reggae. After relocating to Hawaii in the 80's, he formed The Toyes, and wrote and produced "Smoke Two Joints," the first of his now classic counter-culture anthems. Mawg is a charismatic singer and soulful lead guitarist. Now making his home in the Oregon woods, he continues to record and perform with The Toyes.

B-dub (guitar, vocals, percussion, writer) was raised in the deep Alaskan bush, far from the things of man. Since the music in her snowy childhood log cabin was home-made, she began playing and singing at six. Half of The Toyes' creative team, she is a musical giant with her awesome vocals, guitar work and showmanship.

Brian Rogers (drums, timbales) plays with strength, heart and humor, perfectly in tune with the Toyesian philosophy. Brian, who makes his home in Sacramento, California, plays with many great artists including his own progressive rock band "Bob's Child"

Johnny Trujillo (bass, vocals) formerly of Warner Bros. recording act Kid Brother, Johnny provides infectious bottom end and soaring backup vocals. When not touring with The Toyes he is always in demand with top artists.

In addition to "Smoke Two Joints," the #1 American reggae hit of all time, Toyes music can be heard in major motion pictures, network TV shows, national ads, and on more than 200 radio stations each week



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