

For fans of ELP, Moody Blues, Touch & Drive She Said!

American Tears is an American keyboard trio that released it's first record, Branded Bad, on Columbia Records in 1974, it's second, Tear Gas, in 1975, and its final for Columbia, Powerhouse in 1977 before reforming in 2018. Due to the very well received 2018 release of it's 4th record "Hard Core", the band has recorded a new record entitled "White Flags" which kicks it all up a notch. Formed in the fertile musical environment of Long Island, New York, the band was initially made up of Gary Sonny, on bass, Tommy Gunn on drums and Mark Mangold on keys and vocals. The band was a power keyboard trio, using keyboards of the day, hammond organ, synths, mellotron, clavinet, electronic melodica and playing progressive music which showed the bands stellar musicianship.

The band was fortunate to have toured major venues with such bands as **Peter Frampton**, **J. Geils**, **Alvin Lee**, **Gentle Giant**, **Gary Wright**, **John McLaughlin** and many others. They reached a wide audience and had an impressive show, topped off by **Mangold** doing handstands on his Hammond while being surrounded by his massive keyboard setup.

Mark Mangold would go on to play and work with Michael Bolton and Cher, penning the hits "Fools Game" and "I Found Someone", as well as forming the bands Touch and Drive She Said.

The fourth American Tears album "Hard Core" released in 2018, heralded the return by Mark to this keyboard based approach, using instruments only available in the 70's when the band made it's first foray. White Flags continue the flow with anthemic melodies, salient lyrics, virtuoso musicianship and creative, unpredictable musical journeys that defy formula or category. In fact this band may be the only band on the planet playing exclusively keyboard rock. With influences from his earlier work, tipping an occasional hat to ELP, Moody Blues and even Deep Purple, this record shows the daring, and pure emotion, that can be ripped out of those instruments.



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Tracklist:

1 TURN U ON 5:38
2 WAKE UP CITY 7:34
3 HELL OR HIGH WATER 5:25
4 WALTZ OF THE ANGELS 4:35
5 FIRE DOWN BELOW 9:21
6 GIVE ME MORE 3:58
7 LOVE IS LOVE 4:35
8 TURN THE PAGE (BLUE DOG) 7:48
9 PITCH BLACK 5:37
10 KEEP ON MOVIN' 5:28





11 WHITE FLAGS 4:19