

# THE BALBOAS



Decked out in their traditional black, the Balboas bring a full frontal Fender fueled attack of American rock n' roll that doesn't neatly fit into established genres. Armed with the instruments and back beat of 60's era west coast acts, the Balboas song writing and performances infuse the angst and irreverence of late 70s and 80s punk rock into a distorted, reverb soaked,

barrage of sound. Over 20 years and thousands of miles on the touring circuit, the Balboas have forged a sound of their own, earning a reputation as a blazing and bawdy live act characterized by a greasy American middle finger. Despite establishing their own unique sound, the Balboas have complimented some of the toughest, grizzled, and road worn rock touring acts in the U.S., having shared the stage with garage-rock icons the Woggles and the Fleshtones, rockabilly giants Southern Culture on the Skids and the Flat Duo Jets, southern rockers Nashville Pussy and the Drive-By Truckers, punk legends Agent Orange and the Dictators, and the masters of surf guitar, Dick Dale and Slacktone.

The Balboas were formed in 1995 and released their first studio recording *Heavy Surf Advisory* in 1998. Accomplished studio musicians, the Balboas followed with the full length recordings *Little Bit of Fear*, and *Big as You Need* as well as a live release *Duvel's Advocate*. The band quickly established a worldwide audience assisted by regular rotation on *Little Steven's Underground Garage* and an internet cult following.

The Balboas are fronted by vocalist Mark Healy and lead guitar player Rich Griffith. The rhythm section is held down by Rick Frei on rhythm guitar and the queen of rock n' roll, Caitie O'Shea, on the bass. The only non-original member of the band is the legendary drummer Dusty Watson, who who has lent his Ludwig assault services to Dick Dale, Agent Orange, and now brings his hard hitting aggressive style to the originators of garage punk The Sonics. The members of the Balboas live in 5 different cities across the U.S., but have managed to keep writing and performing their unique brand of rock for more than 2 decades. Get ready for the sonic stylings of the most irreverent reverb soaked rock n' roll crew of mayhem ever to fill a suit and tie – Meet The Balboas!