

## **"Groover's Paradise" A Tribute to Doug Sahm The Trace Relations Band Advance Tracks Release**

Dallas, TX (Aug. 16, 2011) A rocked up remake of Doug Sahm's 1974 landmark track "Groover's Paradise" has been released. The track and its music video are available at Trace Relations Band Official Site: <http://tracerelations.com>

"Groover's Paradise" is one of four tracks released from the band in advance of their full length CD "Prosperity Street" coming in November, 2011.

The song was arranged and performed by vocalist Tracy Ready and guitarist Kevin Lewis of The Trace Relations Band with Shawn Sahm of The Texas Tornados as a tribute to his father, the late Texas music pioneer Doug Sahm.

Doug Sahm passed away in 1999, but left a legacy that is living on in his recorded music and in the hands of his son Shawn, a multi-talented artist in his own right.

"In choosing the songs for the CD, I wouldn't be true to myself without including one from Doug Sahm," said Ready. "Groover's Paradise had always been one of my favorites, but I wanted to record it as more of a rocker than the original. I only wanted to cut it if my friend Shawn saw it as a fitting tribute to his dad. Shawn liked the idea and kindly offered to play on it with Kevin and I. We are all very pleased with the results"

### **History**

Ready grew up steeped in the music of Doug Sahm and his longtime collaborator, legendary keyboardist Augie Meyers. To Tracy, Augie is his "musical father". High school friends with Meyers' son, drummer Clay Meyers, Tracy spent a lot of time at Meyers' Bulverde, Texas farmhouse in late '70s where there was a steady stream of musicians, a heavy mix of tacos and impromptu jam sessions.

"Tracy Ready has been involved in several parts of the Texas music whirl since he was a kid," says Jim Beal, Jr. of the San Antonio Express-News and KSYM Third Coast Network. "He paid attention. He knows who deserves to be paid tribute and how to pay said tribute. With The Trace Relations Band, Ready does it up right with soul and sincerity."

### **Today**

Now, 30 years later, Ready is spearheading The Trace Relations Band and its recording project 12 years in the making that showcases his relationships with many seasoned veterans from San Antonio and Dallas.

"This record is about bringing together great musicians that I have been honored to know and play with over the years with songs that I co-wrote or that had a significant impact on my life, without regards to a strict music style," said Ready. "It's a melting pot of original rock, classic blues, Americana, Tex-Mex and even a hint of jazz. I set out to make the record I would want to put on at a party on the banks of the Guadalupe."

The music video for “Groover’s Paradise” was shot in Austin, Boerne and Bulverde, Texas. See it at <http://tracerelements.com/videos>

“Literally, we recorded the track and shot the video for “Groover’s” in groover’s paradise,” explained Ready.

“Groover’s Paradise” is being released along with “I Live the Life I Love”, the band’s remake of a Willie Dixon blues masterpiece. The recording features special guests Brian “Hash Brown” Calway on harmonica and Shawn Sahn on the closing guitar solo. The advance tracks are available at <http://tracerelements.com/music>

This follows the release of “Prosperity Street” the title cut of the album (with a music video) that features Augie Meyers and San Antonio’s famed West Side Horns. That single was released June 15th along with “Open Mind, Open Eye,” a Trace Relations Band original.

The full length CD release is set for November 1, 2011 with live shows to follow.

### **Documentary**

The CD serves as a companion to a documentary film in progress called “South Texas Soul: The San Antonio Sound,” written and produced by Ready. Sales of The Trace Relations Band’s tracks benefit the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Still Kickin’ Foundation, that supports the making of the film. The 8-minute preview of the film has garnered more than 14,000 views to date on Youtube. View this post <http://tracetv.tv/?p=143> : “South Texas Soul” to watch the preview video and read about the film.

The Still Kickin' Foundation exists to inspire and educate people about our elders with stories that demonstrate the interminable endurance of the human spirit. For more about the foundation and the documentary films in progress visit <http://stillkickin.org>

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