

TIJUANA PANTHERS



CARPET DENIM

The Tijuana Panthers are back and this time they're all grown up (kind of). Combining their signature surf rock with new experimentalities in sound, Carpet Denim is the culmination of nearly three years of work and the band's subconscious evolution into deeper, more personal places.

Taking concepts that have long been percolating, this album is the musical version of a beachside, drop-top cruise -- punctuated by deeply human lyrics. Carpet Denim hits deep notes of introspective darkness with songs like "You Died," a ballad-y jam that delves into the complex emotional wreckage of a father's passing, and the album's single, "Path of Totality," about a close friend of the band's who lost the fight against alcoholism.

These soulful forays are offset by Tijuana Panthers singular, upbeat sound, with the playful jam "Little Pampelmousse" that celebrates fatherhood and refers to Phil's nickname for his new, beloved baby. Then there's "710," a spirited coast down memory lane that embodies the band's signature sunniness - all while reminiscing about growing up in Long Beach.

The culmination of the band's many years on the road and making noise, Carpet Denim falls deeper into their weird and wild tendencies (there's even a synthesizer that makes an appearance). It's inspired by everything, from politics to the guys' personal lives, Haruki Murakami and Twin Peaks. There's the perfectly dissonant "TV People," a creepy little number that combines simple guitar with a roving bass to create an abstract jam that's hard to forget.

This album is the same garage-y Tijuana Panthers you love, but this time, they channel their unbridled energy into a moody maturation of their music. The band returned to their hometown of Long Beach, CA to record Carpet Denim at Jazzcats studio. Unlike earlier albums such as Poster and Wayne Interest - which were recorded in a flash-bang, marathon sitting, the band's latest album was methodically assembled by Jonny Bell over multiple days. Pouring over

production, Carpet Denim is a collective deep breath that weaves together years of songwriting -- all jam-packed with summertime vibes, peaks of punk rock and Tijuana Panthers' signature oddball adventures.

"Like a freeform radio station, if you don't like one song, there's a good chance you'll like the next....the band can pull off a mask of good 'ol boys on a bar crawl, southern-fried twang-rock, moody blues heaviness or straight-up pop madness." - **CMJ**

"...during a live show, their spirit animal gets wild and reveals their gritty rock 'n' roll roots: throwback and blue-collar, but also, a good time." - **LA Weekly**

"Cribbing as much from Brian Wilson's lyrical topics as they take from Dick Dale's reverb-soaked guitar tone" - **Noisey / Vice**

"...this band is growing past updated surf rock into something more eclectic and ambitious." - **AllMusic**

"The new LP...escapes any preconceived barriers for its making and letting the music contort around the trio at its own free will" - **Spin**

"the band's refusal to play by the book is a blessing to the ears." - **KEXP**

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