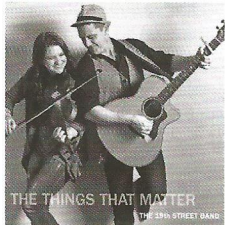


# Album reviews

of trio harmonies on the Wayne Walker/Webb Pierce classic, Pathway Of Teardrops, a stand out track if ever I heard one. All of them are among the top class entertainers of their genre and the combination of their talents is awesome!

## The 19th Street Band - The Things That Matter



The 19th Street Band has steadily been performing countless shows in America. July this year saw them embarking on their first UK tour.

They are a high energy Americana folk rock group who have now released their new EP, The Things That Matter. Caoilidhe (Cally) Davis emigrated to America from Hollywood, Northern Ireland in 2005 to pursue a career in music.

While establishing an earlier band, he found himself in need of a fiddle player and was lucky enough to meet Meghan and audition her for the band. What he didn't know was, in fact, he was auditioning his future wife!

Move on a few months down the road and the pair found themselves living on 19th Street in Arlington, Virginia writing songs and creating the sound that would become the backbone of The 19th Street

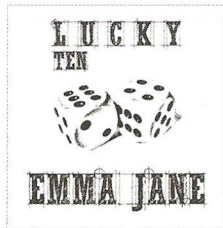
Band and, as they say, the rest is history.

The first track, Jump In The Water is a fast paced high energy number which grabs your attention and in a good way.

Meghan shows her vocal prowess on the next song, Long Runs The Fox which also has a dynamic drum beat. Every track is high fuelled energy packed musicality and vocals. We end this six track collection with the slightly more sedate track, The Things That Matter, which has banjo accompaniment from Tom Verrati.

The only problem with this EP was that I wanted to hear more of their songs, with six being not enough.

## Emma Jane - Lucky Ten



Born in Glasgow, Emma Jane is back after having 18 months off to have her baby daughter Eva.

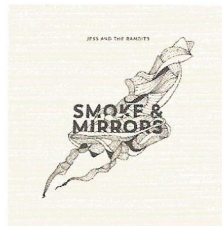
Ten years ago she wrote Red Shoes which she refers to as her bookmark song, a song which reflects a positive progression in her songwriting. Following the success of her Red Shoes EP in 2008 and For Anyone Who'll Listen in 2010 these EPs, you could say, were a turning point in her career and in 2012 the full length album, Penilee Songs was born. Since that time she has been

gaining popularity in receiving airplay here in the UK, the USA and Europe.

The songs on this album are mostly heartfelt ballads which you could imagine listening to in a piano bar in the heart of the city.

The punchy song, Lost Religion keeps you on your toes while the waltzy Head Over Heels makes you drift off into another time.

## Jess & The Bandits - Smoke & Mirrors



Jess forged her Country music career with the release of the debut album, Here We Go Again. She is clearly a force to be reckoned with, delivering a rock, Country sound with some raw and real grit thrown into the mix.

After an extensive touring schedule in 2016 they have now finally released the long awaited new album and the band can be seen heading out on a headline tour this month which will coincide with the release of Smoke & Mirrors. The 14 tracks on this album begin with the rip roaring I'm Not Going Home which immediately grabs your attention while the slower ballad, Smoke And Mirrors highlights the outstanding vocals of Jess.

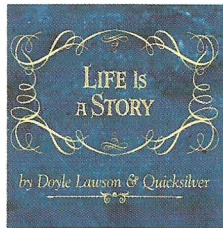
For me every track was equally

as good as the first, with ever changing tempos.

If I had to choose a favourite though it would have to be The Bullet, a song of love and heartache, whether it be good or bad.

What is significant are the emotive words used within the songs which stir up a wealth of feelings and emotions. This is a fabulous collection of songs.

## Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver - Life Is A Story



Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver prove once again their ability to connect with an audience on their newly released Life Is A Story album. With nearly 40 albums to their credit, the group have won numerous awards.

This band are energetic, proficient and polished performers with exceedingly high standards.

This 12 song collection contains a mix of fervent ballads, uplifting tempos, thoughtful lyrics, powerful picking and superb vocal performances. Little Girl, which is the second song of the album, was written by the late Country legend, Harley Allen and journeys from tragedy to redemption through the eyes of an innocent child. The classic Chuck Willis r&b