

SCHPAYBO 'LONG WAY BACK' (INDEPENDENT)

Schpaybo are a hard rock outfit from the US fronted by talented multi-musician Steve Spirko. The material of Schpaybo rocks in a kind of southern boogie way a'la AC/DC and Aerosmith mixed with the melodic hard rock of Nightranger

This makes for an interesting release as the songs here are often catchy and singable, like track three, 'Won't You Be My Girl' which is so goddamn infectious it's silly. Vocally Steve sounds across between Stephen Tyler and Nightanger's Jack Blade's, thus 'Won't You Be My Girl' comes across in the similar vein and is my favourite track of the whole album, hard to ignore and very catchy, 'Won't You Be My Girl' is well classy.

Other good songs are track two 'For Barbara's Love', this song like 'Won't You Be My Girl' is very catchy and similar in style to Motley Crue, Nightranger and Michael Monroe, and has a sleazy edge to it.

Also check out the ballad 'Fall In Love Eyes' which reminds me of Molly Hatchet. 'Stress' is a weaker song with a silly chorus that doesn't hold up against the likes of 'Won't You Be My Girl', and 'Out Of Time' is another song with that classic rock vibe a'la Aerosmith and Ted Nugent.

At the end of the album there is a hidden instrumental piece that is pretty good, which is in the style of Ted Nugent and Slash.

Overall Schypaybo definitely have potential and most of the songs are fun and catchy but fail to top the class of 'Won't You Be My Girl' a song that I will be playing to death for the rest of the year.

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Rating: 7,5/10

Rating for 'Won't You Be My Girl': 8,5/10

(Review by Nicky Baldrian)