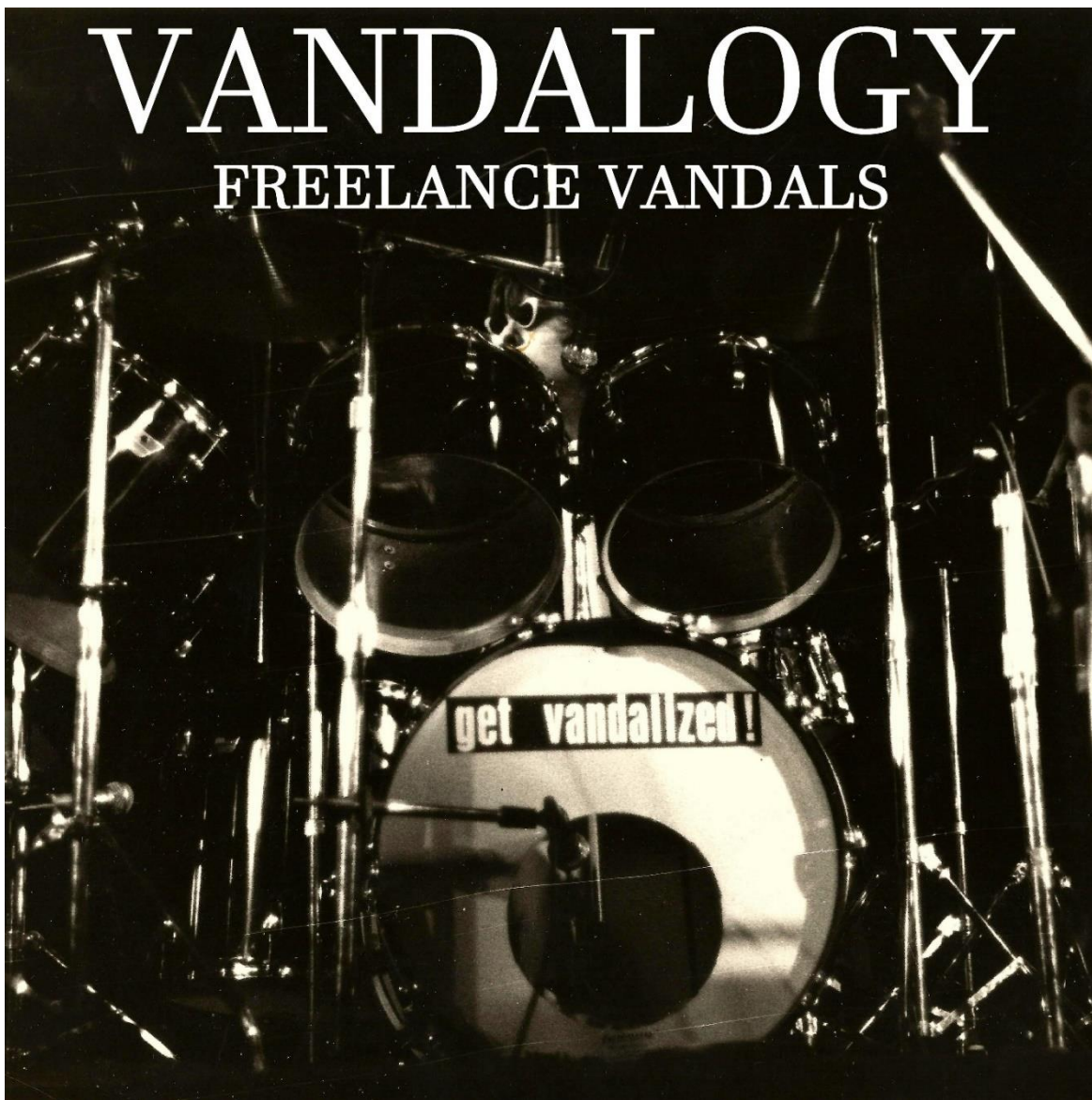




VANDALOGY

FREELANCE VANDALS



DEMOS & STUDIO TRACKS 1976 – 1981

This album is dedicated with much love to...

Billy Cairns, Mike Adams & “Pistol” Pete Selin



The true spirit of a rock & roll band can most often be found in its ability to persevere against the odds of “making it” in the music business. In 1976, I got together with some college friends I had met at The University of Dayton to form a new version of a band named the Freelance Vandals. Our mission was simple: to write and play our own rock & roll songs, move to New York, get a recording contract with a major record label, make a million bucks and conquer the world! Here we are 40 years later and the music lives on.

The songs on this album reveal a band that never compromised the music in its pursuit of making great rock & roll sounds. Throughout the 70’s and 80’s, despite such musical trends as Southern rock and Disco, the Freelance Vandals chose to go their own way. Many record labels passed on signing the band because they claimed that the Freelance Vandals never really fit into any definite category that created a brand that was marketable. In spite of such indifference, the band played on.

Along the way, there were several personnel changes in the band, many songs were written, the band formed its own record label and many wild schemes were pursued. In 1984, after releasing the well-received live album, *Yer Money or Yer Ears*, the band broke up. Over the next several decades, various members of the band pursued other musical interests while occasionally regrouping for live reunion shows. Two of the band members passed away but the music managed to survive.

In early 2016, “Diamond” Ray Finch and I began to discuss releasing the band’s demos and studio recordings in celebration of the band’s 40th Anniversary. This seemed like the perfect opportunity to repay all of the fans who supported the band over the years as well as providing us with a way of leaving some sort of legacy.

So then, we offer up this collection of old fan favorites and previously unheard Freelance Vandal tracks in honor of a band that didn’t conquer the world and never made a million bucks. Here are all the songs that never made us famous. As these things fall away in the grand design of time, what we are left with is what I treasure the most, the music.

Rock & Roll is a State of Mind, [Johnny Pierre](#)



VANDALOGY Track List

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| 01. BOY ON FIRE | (R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 02. SHIRLEY | (J. Finch / R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 03. DAGGER MAN | (J. Finch / R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 04. LIGHTNING ROD | (J. Finch / R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 05. JULIETTE | (R. Finch / J. P. Gelinas) |
| 06. CHARIOT | (J.P. Gelinas) |
| 07. COCAINE & PROMISES | (R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 08. JAZZ BABY | (C. Ciany / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 09. ROLL THAT ROCK | (R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 10. DOG RECORDS COMMERCIAL | |
| 11. MA CHERIE | (G. Pritchett / J. Finch) |
| 12. HOLIDAY | (R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 13. LAST CALL FOR ALCOHOL | (J. Finch / R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |
| 14. NEW YORK GIRL | (J. Finch / R. Finch / J.P. Gelinas) |

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Freelance Vandals 1977 – 1979 / Tracks 1 – 5, 10 – 13 > Producer: Ray Finch / Freeport, NY

- Billy Cairns – Drums, Vocals
- Garry Pritchett – Bass, Vocals, Lead Vocal Tracks 11 & 13
- Ray Finch – Lead Guitar, Vocals
- Johnny Pierre – Lead Vocals, Rhythm Guitar
- Jack Finch – Keyboards



Freelance Vandals 1980 – 1982 / Tracks 6 – 9 > Producer: Barry Harris / New York city

- Chuck Ciany – Vocals, Saxophone, Rhythm Guitar, Lead Vocal Tracks 6 & 8
- Jack Finch – Keyboards
- Mike Adams – Bass, Vocals
- Billy Cairns – Drums, Vocals
- “Diamond” Ray Finch – Lead Guitar, Vocals
- Johnny Pierre – Lead Vocals, Rhythm Guitar



SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO....

Al Speed & Tommy Yamasaki (looking forward to the release of the live album)...the Freelance Vandals road crew: Rich Keeler, Mike Tully, Robbie Rudinger & Tony Eustace...Tommy Corcoran aka Suzy Vandal...John Engelhardt (thanks for all the great photos)...Barry Harris, Gene Perry, Paul Colliton, Chris Kerwin, Pat Flanagan, Corky Maul, John Barrow, Sweet Loretta, The Shirleyettes, The Vandalettes, our favorite bartenders: Johnny Gordon & Steve Beck, Rosemarie Cirillo, MC Osso & The Reflectors, The Magnets, WBAB, Roast Beef Joe, Wayne Robbins, Good Times Magazine, Lorraine "Mom" Cairns, Edward E. Finch and all of the Freelance Vandals fan who supported the band over the years.



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*Future Freelance Vandals projects will include
a live album and the release of several side projects!*

Stay tuned for details!

