

Barnstar!

New Album “**Furious Kindness**” coming April 19, 2024!

Prepare for a sonic explosion of positivity as **Barnstar!** gears up to release their highly anticipated third album, "**Furious Kindness**," set to hit the airwaves on April 19, 2024. Unapologetically shouting in your face about how awesome you are, **Barnstar!** delivers an aggressively joyful and passionately positive musical experience that reflects the true mission statement of these mischievous music makers – a beacon of joy in a world that could use a bit more kindness.

The brainchild of bassist and impresario **Zachariah Hickman, Barnstar!** features some of the Boston area’s most dynamic seasoned musicians: **Mark Erelli** (vocals, guitar), **Charlie Rose** (banjo, vocals), **Taylor Armerding** (mandolin, vocals), and **Jake Armerding** (fiddle, vocals). Their music resonates with audiences who appreciate the artistry of traditional bluegrass as well as those who are drawn to the band's innovative and boundary-pushing approach. The band continues to record and perform, while navigating solo careers and high profile side-person gigs (with the likes of Josh Ritter, Rodney Crowell, Lori McKenna, Elephant Revival, Ray LaMontagne, ROSIN, and many more).

Building off the success of their previous efforts “C’mon” (2011) and “Sit Down! Get Up! Get Out!” (2015), "**Furious Kindness**" showcases the diverse songwriting talents within **Barnstar!** Featuring original compositions such as Jake's soulful and plaintive "Anybody Got A Light?" and the collaborative effort "Believer" by Mark, Zachariah, and Charlie, there is a sense of hope and rebirth that underlies the whole project. Noteworthy co-writes with Chuck Prophet and Dinty Child add an extra layer of depth and creativity to the album.

Influenced by their musical peers, the band draws inspiration from the likes of Elizabeth and the Catapult, Dennis Brennan, and Dave Talmage, especially Taylor’s powerful reinvention of Brennan’s “Boulder On My Back.” The covers on the album pay homage to musical legends, with reinterpretations of songs by Elliot Smith and Van Morrison adding some unexpected new contributions to the contemporary bluegrass landscape.

"**Furious Kindness**" is poised to be a musical manifesto, seamlessly blending originality, collaboration, and a touch of nostalgia into an unforgettable experience. **Barnstar!** invites both dedicated fans and newcomers alike to brace themselves for the powerful and uplifting dose of "**Furious Kindness**" that awaits in 2024.