

PENDERGAST



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Pendergast is a bare bones rock band from Kansas City, Missouri. Their raw, ragged, roots pop preaches the gospel of rock and roll and the redemptive power of loud guitars, whisky, sex, and heartbreak.

For singer/songwriter/guitarist Tony Ladesich (ex Sandoval and Rex Hobart and the Misery Boys), the need to tell stories about working class heroes and brokenhearted men and women will always be there.

Pendergast formed in the spring of 2002 with the help of former guitarist Chris Meck (ex Kristy Stremel band.) After Ladesich left Bloodshot's Rex Hobart and the Misery Boys, Sandoval broke up and he started the Secret Liquor Cure. Creative differences and frequent lineup changes made sure that band never lived up to its potential. Frustrated, Ladesich left the rock and roll stage to explore filmmaking (winning two Emmy awards.) He was convinced he wouldn't start another band, and then the phone rang. "Chris called after he quit Kristy's band, and I had always wanted to play with him. I thought why not. I have the songs, let's see what happens."

They enlisted Mike Meyers on drums from the Kristy Stremel band and Matt Erwin of Pulling Unit on bass. This lineup held special surprises for Ladesich. "Both Matt and Mike can sing their asses off. So I feel like I can explore some of my Beach Boys fantasies. There are lots of sweet background vocals all over these raw, tough-ass pop songs."

During their debut year the band played to great crowds all over the Midwest. In the spring of 2003, the boys began work on their first record "The Truth About Saturday Night," which is soon to be released. Ladesich would say, "The record is filled with characters that have been let down; let down by love, religion, rock and roll, and life in general. They are not the most likeable folks you would ever want to meet, but they are real. They are people you know. They hate their jobs, miss their lovers, and drink... a lot. Sometimes there are pieces of me in there, and sometimes it's other people I know. There is a lot of Kansas City in these songs."

In the fall of 2003 Chris Meck left the band to pursue his own interests. With Meck's departure, new guitarist Mike Rooney (ex-Big Tobacco) has taken his place in the Pendergast congregation.

The rock and roll revival continues. The Pendergast boys are doing their part and taking music to the people, extolling the virtues of the working class. But beware... there may be some drinking involved.

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