John Depew



Born and raised in central Kansas, John Depew is a multi-instrumentalist songwriter with a philosophical bent. He grew up playing bluegrass on the porch with his father, and drawing from that as well as influences from gypsy jazz to modern indie rock to classic country and blues, Depew has developed a sound all his own. Recently described as "Kansas lonesome" and "a fresh, un-cliched sound" by musicologist Ted Gioia[1] (author of *Music: A Subversive History* and *The History of Jazz*, Oxford University Press), and "One of a kind" by Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers[2], Depew features mandolin, clawhammer banjo, acoustic guitar and bouzouki, and is looking forward to what lies ahead. His debut self-titled album invites listeners to think seriously about topics from food production to mental health to parenthood, while also embracing the beauty and wonder in both the natural world and the interior one. 2021 has been a somewhat challenging time to promote a new album, but John launched what he called the "Front Porch Tour," a series of small outdoor concerts at the homes of fans to comply with restrictions due to covid. As life begins to move closer to normalcy, he will be traveling further afield, including several small tours of the Western US through the remainder of the year. He has found receptive ears on radio programs from Indiana to Texas to Montana, and is planning to begin recording a second solo album in early 2022. He lives with his wife and children more than a mile from his nearest neighbors and enjoys the solitude that provides. He is not fond of large cities, television or margarine, but finds joy in outdoor adventure, fermentation, and wood heat.



Album link:
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