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Just Like the Record' Hits All the Right Notes

Just in time for summer! The Columbus, Ohio-based singer-songwriter, Patrick McLaughlin, gave the world his third album, *Just Like The Record*, a 12-song collection of tracks meticulously crafted so that no two songs sound the same.

This soulful blues rock album will have listeners excited to explore the different thematic scenes that Patrick created in his songs. The tracks sound like a cross between Tom Petty and The Grateful Dead, with vocal melodic rhythms similar to John Hiatt. Patrick's voice has a smooth yet raspy tone homogeneous to Chris Stapleton (especially in "Life Is"), Randy Newman, and a sprinkling of Phil Collins.

Just Like The Record starts with the New Orleans Influenced song "Big Sky." It is all about changing one's perspective of life. The song is filled with slide guitars, bass, and drums to bring out the blues-rock qualities. "The vision within the song is the proximity of life being very big or very small. Going from a broad to a narrow view and seeing through a lens the relative distance or nearness in ourselves," Patrick shared. The music perfectly compliments the lyrics.

The unique part of the album is the unknown. After listening to "Big Sky" and the funk-filled "Bar Room Dream," you have no idea what else you'll hear. He sprinkles in some gospel influence in songs like "So Alive," "Life Is," and "Same River Twice." and some rock influence in songs like "First and Last of Me," "Soul Serving," and "I'll Take the Rest." He has you swaying along one minute and on-your-feet dancing the next, keeping the listener on their toes and begging for more.

Patrick has been honing in on his recording and production skills all while serving the songs. He's able to deliver compelling and relatable songs through his voice and guitar. Each theme will connect with listeners around the globe. In the studio, Patrick used various sounds, instruments, and techniques to cook up the ultimate summer record.