



THE MOTHER HIPS' GREG LOIACONO

***SONGS FROM A GOLDEN DREAM* SOLO ALBUM OUT SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**

August 16, 2016: Greg Loiacono will release his first full-length solo album, *Songs From a Golden Dream*, on September 23rd, 2016 on vinyl, CD and digital formats. With 11 new songs by The Mother Hips co-founder, *Songs From a Golden Dream* finds Loiacono delivering his boldest and most accomplished release to date. *Songs From a Golden Dream* is a baroque, electric work that hums and spits with energy even in its quietest moments. Expert song-craft developed over an eclectic career springs up innovatively throughout the album. Seated far from the bleary detachment common in his generation of songwriters, Loiacono's songs are bright-eyed, present, sincere and a bit psychedelic.

The album's first track, "The Red Thread Part I (The Gloaming)," a tough-groove, four-part-harmony stomp, invites the listener into his world:

*Meet us on the hill
Lovely and terrible
All are invited
Sensations are ignited*

Loiacono takes us on a sonic journey filled with rich imagery, sultry textures and straight-up rock n roll. He threads together his last decade of experiences into a single, intricate, beautiful tapestry. The album closes with the gorgeous, Vivaldi-by-way-of-Simon-and-Garfunkel track "The Day's Long Wind." The "day" Loiacono is reflecting upon is his whole life up until now – the "Golden Dream."

Along with Loiacono on vocals and guitars, the *Songs From a Golden Dream* personnel includes frequent Loiacono collaborators Todd Roper (Cake, Chuck Prophet) and Scott Thunes (Frank Zappa, The Mother Hips, Fear) on drums and bass respectively, as well as Jackie Greene on the Hammond organ and Lefty Knight on pedal steel and sitar. Loiacono co-produced the record with long-time collaborator David Simon-Baker (Los Lobos, Jack Johnson, ALO, Mac Dre). "It wasn't easy finding time to finish *Golden Dream*," says Loiacono. His busy schedule with The Hips, solo performances and his family keep the man constantly on the move. "But making this album with such a fine group of people and with songs that mean so much to me has been one of the great pleasures of my musical life."

Loiacono is best known as a co-founding member of the band The Mother Hips. The band is currently based out of San Francisco, California and still tours the country on a regular basis. When he is not on the road, Loiacono can often be found making music with Phil Lesh and his crew down at Terrapin Crossroads in San Rafael, CA, just minutes away from Loiacono's home.

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