

The John Butler Trio's first studio offering in three years, 'APRIL UPRISING' (independently released through MGM on March 26th), follows the much acclaimed 3 x platinum 'Grand National' album which cemented the band's global success with sold out tours world wide.

'APRIL UPRISING' introduces new trio members Nicky Bomba on drums/percussion and Byron Luiters on bass and combines the personal, the political and the musically memorable with skill and passion.

'APRIL UPRISING' was introduced late last year with 'One Way Road', the incredibly catchy first single from the album. Taking out the number one spot on the national airplay charts three times this year, 'One Way Road' has been the most successful radio single to date for the JBT, the first entry being on the eve of their national sold out tour in January. It was also chosen as the lead track for the summer campaign of Channel 10's new digital 24 hour sports channel One, and remains on high rotation on the station and it still holds the number one spot on the AIR 100% indie singles chart, which it's held for 15 weeks now!

Chapter two from 'APRIL UPRISING', 'Close To You' is at radio now and unveils a gutsy rockier side of the album where John lets rip with an electric Telecaster. Featured as this week's Music Network premier pick 'Close To You' is already impacting radio and is expected to emulate the success of 'One Way Road'.

'APRIL UPRISING' offers another deluxe package from the JBT camp featuring an amazing six panel digi pack including a bonus poster and booklet which is exclusive to Australian fans who are also offered a limited edition trucker hat on purchase of the CD while stocks last.

John explains how things developed with the new album and trio,

"It's interesting to see a band come together and the first thing they do is create and produce together. We came in as three producers, three writers, three players. We went into the laboratory to produce the best thing we could and here we are. What an interesting way to start a relationship. Personally I feel we've created something very special that will stand the test of time – it's my best work to date."

With much anticipation for the new John Butler Trio album we thought we'd treat you to a behind the scenes look at the in studio antics with this snippet from the making of 'APRIL UPRISING' –

http://www.johnbutlertrio.com/making_of

In other news, John Butler guest presented, and featured in an upcoming Australian Story which aired on ABC1 on Monday March 8 at 8.00pm. The program is about young Sydney musician Lachlan McCarthy, who grew up in social housing and was awarded a JB Seed Arts Grant in 2005. Since then, John has become a role model inspiring Lachlan to pursue his dream of being the first in his family to finish high school and go on to become a music teacher. (The program will also be available on iView - ABC on line TV

<http://www.abc.net.au/iview/>)

John, Nicky, and Byron depart our shores again this week to introduce 'APRIL UPRISING' to their Japanese and European fans. They return to Australia for a special performance on Saturday March 27th in Alice Springs for triple j's 'One Night Stand' to celebrate the release of the album which will have hit stores the day prior to the concert. The band will play both the West Coast Blues and East Coast Blues Festivals before trekking back to Europe. They will then take another trip across to the USA headlining Red Rocks (made famous by U2's Under a Blood Red Sky') and will perform at the iconic Summer Stage at Central Park.

The John Butler Trio will conduct a major national tour for Australian fans throughout August and September this year – stay tuned for the tour announcement.

JOHN BUTLER TRIO – the new album 'APRIL UPRISING' out March 26, 2010
Available now as a pre-order from iTunes, and all good record stores,
and at www.johnbutlertrio.com from Monday March 8th.