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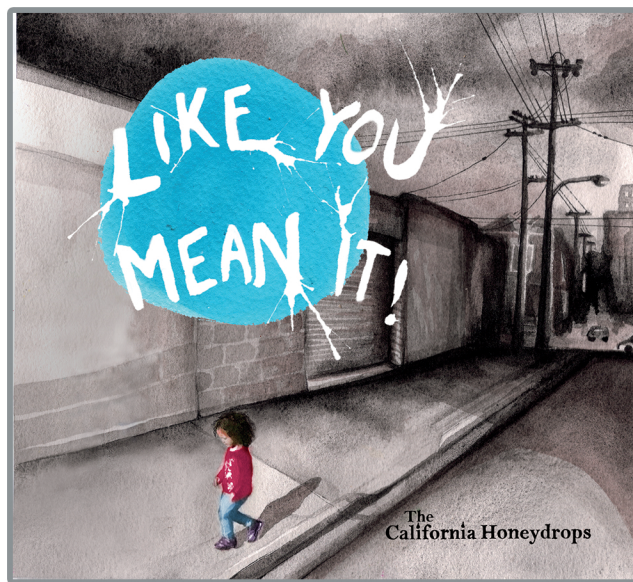
released their 3rd full-length original studio album on April 19th, 2013. Based in Oakland, the band is currently touring the US and Europe, bringing their original, soulful, and uplifting sound to thousands of lucky dancing people.

Their most cohesive work to date, “Like You Mean It,” carries a refreshing new sound and style in music. The 13 original songs range from infectious and danceable tunes to soulful ballads. Often uplifting and sometimes mournful, lead singer Lech Wierzynski is able to balance powerful vocals with a conversational intimacy and humor that hark back to the golden ages of soul and country music. The trumpet and saxophone shout out jubilant riffs, landing the listener somewhere between a New Orleans street parade and a Stax soul review. The rhythm section churns out a unique fusion of Carribean, R&B, and Second-line street beats that leaves the audience no choice but to dance, yet often leaves them wondering: “What kind of music is this?”

The band’s originality and appeal is reflected in their fan base. Drawing on a remarkable range of ages and backgrounds, the Honeydrops are as comfortable at a barn dance as they are on a big stage or in the subway stations in Oakland, CA, where they got their start. True to their roots as a street band, their shows are casual and spontaneous but always electrifying, and in the words of one fan, “radically inclusive.” Or as Honeydrops drummer Ben Malament explains, “Come to the show, I don’t care if you don’t know what to call us. You’re gonna sweat, you’re gonna dance, you’re gonna sing, we’re gonna make this thing happen, TOGETHER.”

Though from Oakland, their Southern-fried jazz is so authentic that [audiences] may wonder whether they’ve been transported to the Big Easy.

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