

HUMMINGBIRD SYNDICATE

The Mamas and The Papas led to
The Archies led to ABBA. The Byrds led to
Buffalo Springfield led to The Flying Burrito
Brothers. The Velvet Underground and Nico
led to Eno and Roxy. Ray Price led to
George Jones (we like Tammy too).
We present Hummingbird Syndicate.
Our spin on all that.



Photo by Kelly Davidson

Jon Macey and Lynn Shipley have formed a musical collective called Hummingbird Syndicate, a platform they use to produce records with some of their favorite musical collaborators. Modeling themselves on teams like Barry and Greenwich, Bjorn and Benny, Boyce and Hart - with a generous sprinkling of Owen Bradley – they merge traditional pop, country, and folk to arrive at a modern hybrid of these influences. The soon-to-be released LP **POP TRICKS** will showcase all aspects of their musical vision.

Hummingbird Syndicate is from Boston and Los Angeles and sounds like it. The first release is the 45 rpm vinyl single (and CD companion) **Waterfall Away** b/w **I Want You To Stay**. Both songs highlight the big vocal sound and sunny pop side of the Syndicate. Tailor-made for a 45, these tunes jump off the turntable with ringing guitars, pulsing beats, and inventive 1960's pop-influenced arrangements, characterized by four-part harmonies.

Waterfall Away is a joyful, over-the-top pop homage to the 60's singles that will keep you smiling long after the needle lifts off the record. **I Want You To Stay** features Lynn's "Nico goes pop" vocal style over pulsating New Wave rhythms and Eno-esque guitar hooks.

The Band:

Jon Macey – songwriter, producer, lead and harmony vocals, and guitars. Macey has been a member of Fox Pass, Macey's Parade, and Tom Dickie and The Desires, co-writing the cult hit *Downtown Talk*.

Lynn Shipley – songwriter, producer, lead and harmony vocals. Shipley was Macey's favorite poet until he coaxed her back into the limelight as his creative partner. She tried to retire from music after an early punk/art career in Indiana, but it didn't take.

Lenny Shea – drums, vocals. Shea was a long-term member of The Stompers; in demand drummer-about-town and all around pop aficionado.

Chris Maclachlan – bass, vocals. Maclachlan has been a member of Human Sexual Response, The Illyrians, and Lookie Lookie. Known for his succinct verbal style and artful bass lines.

Dan Coughlin – guitars, vocals. Coughlin has been a member of Children of Paradise and Witch Doctor. He is one of the LA-based members and has a large collection of Monkees records.

MaryJaye Simms – vocals. Simms is the other LA member, bringing her powerful, sweet sound to the layered harmonies.

Tom Hostage – guitar, vocals. Hostage was a key member of Macey's Parade and has been a respected guitarist on the scene for years.