

CORAL CREEK Breaks Loose With Rockin' New Album

CORAL CREEK opens a new chapter in 2016, releasing and touring in support of a breakthrough album produced by Tim Carbone of Railroad Earth. The self-titled album, *CORAL CREEK*, marks the beginning of a new era for the Colorado-based Americana/Newgrass band. The record is the first release with standout keyboard player Bill McKay and Grammy Award Winning fiddle player, Luke Bulla.

McKay, best known for his roles with Leftover Salmon and Derek Trucks Band, joins songwriter/guitarist Chris Thompson at center stage, singing leads and contributing to the band's extensive repertoire of original material. Nashville fiddler, Luke Bulla, who earned a Grammy Award with Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, comes to CORAL CREEK via Lyle Lovett Band, Jerry Douglas Band, John Cowan Band and Kentucky Thunder. Luke is also a distinguished vocalist and songwriter.

CORAL CREEK is a Colorado band on the rise, featuring a diverse catalog of original music spanning the genres of rock, country/bluegrass, cajun, folk and island music. While the new self-titled album sits squarely in the Americana category, CORAL CREEK live performances transport audiences from the beaches of the Caribbean, down to the bayou and back up high into the Colorado Rockies – with instrumentation ranging from mandolin and fiddle to congas and steel pan.

The counter-balance to McKay's fiery piano is the acoustic guitar of singer/songwriter Chris Thompson, stylistically blazing new trails inspired by Jerry Garcia and Tony Rice. Rob Garland (bass) and Jack Watson (drums) lock down the rhythm section, while Luke Bulla elevates the music with a soaring bluegrass fiddle and high lonesome vocals. Since forming in 2010, CORAL CREEK has performed on festival main stages, concert series and clubs across the US, Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean, sharing stages with distinguished musicians including Sam Bush, Peter Rowan, Bill Nershi and members of The String Cheese Incident, Leftover Salmon, Railroad Earth, Greensky Bluegrass, Yonder Mountain String Band, The Infamous Stringdusters and other fine acts. With the addition of Bill McKay on keyboard and Luke Bulla on fiddle, CORAL CREEK is a rising tide in the swirling jamgrass sea.

CORAL CREEK, the album, is available to order or download at www.CoralCreek.net and www.facebook.com/coral.creek.band. The album features new original songs by Chris Thompson and Bill McKay, plus instrumental contributions by Luke Bulla (Lyle Lovett Band), Andy Thorn (Leftover Salmon), Anders Beck (Greensky Bluegrass), Tim Carbone (Railroad Earth), Tyler Grant (Grant Farm), Arthur Lee Land (Great American Taxi), Scott Messersmith (The Motet) and Tanya Shylock (Mountains of Venus).