

The Mad Ants  
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The Mad Ants are a rock band and recording act from Portage, Indiana whose eighth album *International Anthem* is now being featured on iTunes. (see press release)

From their album, *Hey, Who Paid the Rent?* the song, *Elvis*, has been heard around the world in the Stephen King thriller *Sometimes They Come Back Again*, starring Hilary Swank.

The Mad Ants are known for their rocking live shows that really work up the crowd. Get ready for great guitars, pounding drums and a fun night of entertainment.

The band's live performances feature Mad Ants music, but also includes punched-up rocking renditions of classic rock songs by The Beatles, Rolling Stones, David Bowie, Elvis Presley, The Kinks, Neil Diamond, and more.

Listen to all the songs from *International Anthem* at [CDBaby.com/cd/themadants](http://CDBaby.com/cd/themadants) (it would be cool if you downloaded it too)... and then check out the band covering some great classic rock at [MADANTS.COM](http://MADANTS.COM)

We look forward to entertaining at your venue. Please keep in touch!

Regards,

*Mad Ants*

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**international anthem**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The Mad Ants release 8th album, “International Anthem”**

The Portage Indiana rock band Mad Ants are out with a new album, “International Anthem,” now featured on iTunes and CD Baby. Download the 13-song album and get six bonus tracks free. The CD, with poster and lyrics, is available at MadAnts.com.

Singer/guitarist Joel Justin leads a versatile quartet who have masterfully assembled a thought-provoking, feel-good concept album. As its title implies, “International Anthem” has a song for every corner of the world.

“This is not a concept album in the traditional sense where it’s one long essay of sounds,” says Justin, “but more of a start-to-finish album for people who are willing to breathe in many styles of music.”

*I.A.* captures the hot mash of 70s rock and delivers fresh interpretations of Reggae, Folk, Salsa and Alt-Country, creating a diverse yet cohesive work. As the album’s producer/engineer, Justin executed a recording process that gives listeners the feeling of being in the room as the band recorded it.

Songs like “Let Me In,” “PeaceTrain” and “Give It Back” slam us to the mat while “I Rule My World” and “I’m Lost” remind us our world is what we make of it. Using their hometown high school choir is a nice touch on the sensual and epic “My Rock & Roll”.

Sing-a-long melodies, danceable rhythms and infectious choruses, featuring the blazing riffs and solos of lead guitarist Ben Garcia, make every song all they can be on “International Anthem.” Drummer Clyde Selsor plays in the pocket on every tune and introduces an array of percussion. On bass, Dan Peters holds it all together with his throw-back style and an occasional rattle-your-bones note from the five-string.

#### **International effort**

Before “International Anthem” made it to market, the album’s 13 songs had a stop in Salvador, Brazil where noted rock producer Andre T worked his magic mixing the tracks—as he had on Justin’s solo release “4/4” that produced the top 20 Brazilian radio hit “Now.”

If you’ve been longing for an album that surprises you from one song to the next, this is it. “International Anthem” is best played loud, so crank up the speakers and dig in your heels.

#### **The Mad Ants, “International Anthem”**

**Joel Justin:** Lead Vocals, Guitar

**Ben Garcia:** Lead Guitar, Vocals

**Clyde Selsor:** Drums, Vocals

**Dan Peters:** Bass, Vocals

(Frank Sakelarlis has come on board as the new bass player)

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A promotional image for the band The Mad Ants. It features a photograph of the four band members in a park-like setting. Overlaid on the image is a CD cover for 'international anthem' with the text 'the mad ants international anthem'. Below the CD cover, there is promotional text in yellow and red.

**"Let me in" now featured on iTunes**

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international anthem is available at  
iTunes, Amazon, CDBaby for download with 6 bonus tracks  
Order the CD at MadAnts.com

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Top songs on Billboard 100 - 1. Cheerleader, OMI • 2. Can't Feel My Face, The Weeknd • 3. Watch Me, Silento • 4. Lean on, Major Lazer and DJ Snake featuring MOA • 5. The Hills, The Weeknd • 6. Good for You, Selena Gomez featuring A\$AP Rocky • 7. Fight Song, Rachel Platten • 8. 679, Fetty Wap featuring Remy Boyz • 9. Trap Queen, Fetty Wap • 10. Shut Up & Dance, Walk the Moon

# Portage Mad Ants 'Rocket' acoustic show

TOM LOU

Portage Mad Ants have always been a bit of a musical anomaly and that is what people love about them.

many moths to the flame. This little alternative band performs

perform electric

concert on Aug. 28 in the late, lower level coffee house at Mont Porch Music (505 E. Lincolnway) in Valparaiso will be acoustic. An electric show was given in June at Memorial Opera House.

PORTAGE'S MAD ANTS MARCH IN NEW ALBUM



at the helm of the musically versatile quartet is singer/songwriter, guitarist Joel Justin who has created what he calls "a thought-provoking, feel-good concept album."

"This is not a concept album in the traditional sense where it's one long essay of sounds, but more of a start-to-finish album for people who are willing to breathe in many styles of music," said Justin of this mash of 1970s rock fused with reggae, folk, salsa and alt-country.

Still backing Justin all these years later are lead guitarist Ben Garcia, drummer Clyde Selsor, and bassist Dan Peters. The Portage High School Choir even makes a cameo appearance on the tune "My Rock & Roll."

Those who are curious to hear this latest collection of Mad Ants music can find it on iTunes and CD Baby, where downloading the 13-songs found on the physical CD version gets them six

free bonus tracks. The hard copy CD, complete with a poster and lyrics, is available at all band gigs and online at MadAnts.com.

### MAD ANTS NOW MARCH TO INTERNATIONAL BEAT:

It seems the world is still "mad" about Portage's famous rock export Mad Ants who are marching once again to a more world beat on their new album, "International Anthem." Still

## TICKET TRACKER



All concerts listed below are all ages unless otherwise noted. Some of the ticket prices below do not include taxes and fees.

**UNITED CENTER**  
Unitedcenter.com

**Stevie Wonder**, 8 p.m. Oct. 16. \$46.70-\$167.51

**THALIA HALL**  
thaliahallchicago.com

**The Sword**, 9 p.m. Dec. 12 (17 and older). \$18-\$25

**MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE, IMAGINE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

mohlive.com or (219) 548-9137.

**Over the Rhine**, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19

**Willie Nile**, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7

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