

JOANovARC

THE EPONYMOUS NEW ALBUM

'JOANovARC'

RELEASED FRIDAY 31ST MAY 2019

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JOANovARC will release their new passionate, soulful and powerful self-titled album 'JOANovARC' through Holier Than Thou Records on **Friday 31st May 2019**. The album was mixed and mastered by **Wayne Proctor** and **Steve Wright** of **House of Tone**. The band will release the single 'Jane' on **Friday 22nd March**.

The new album follows JOANovARC's critically acclaimed debut album 'Ride of Your Life' (2016) produced by Grammy award winning producer **Gil Norton** and recorded at **Rockfield Studio**. Gil Norton dubbed the band as 'The new Queens of Rock'. The band will launch the album on **Hard Rock Hell Radio** with **DJ Moto** on **Saturday 1st June** from **7pm**. Listen here – <http://hardrockhellradio.com/live/>.

"A pleasure to work with in the studio, great musicians and one of the most hard-working bands I know." Gil Norton – Grammy- winning producer (Foo Fighters).

Acoustic guitars on "When We Were Young" recorded at Superfly Studios, Nottinghamshire. Engineered by Andrew Banfield.

To celebrate the release of the new album, JOANovARC will embark on their **May/June UK Tour**. Tickets for all concerts can be booked via <http://joanovarc.co.uk/events/>.

The new energetic and diverse album features 11 finely crafted songs. 'JOANovARC' are delivering powerful rock anthems with a modern twist. This four-piece band are a driving force live which transcends on to their new album. The opening track '**Burning**' is ballsy, brash, passionate and will hit you in the face.

"We are family, true flesh and blood and best friends. This has always given us a special bond and an automatic connection with our songs. We have always written songs together from when we were teenagers based our own true experiences. A sibling band always delivers true passion."

The album encapsulates JOANovARC's live energy and reveals a dynamic mix of dark and light. From 'Burning' to the soulful sounds of 'Try It On' which showcase both Sam and Laura's diverse vocals.

"We are role models, we want to inspire young females and empower them". The 'JOANovARC' album is an inspiring statement and speaks for itself."

The 'JOANovARC' album is a continuation of the band's journey and includes songs that have been written by the Walker sisters over many years.

"We are all great friends, as mentioned in our last album we have been through everything together, heartache, death, illness, sweat, blood, great times, addiction, narcotics, break ups, celebrations, fights and tears!"



Photo by Rob Blackham

"Their sound is stylish, powerful and certainly has a direct lineage to Girlschool and Rock Goddess. In fact, there's a strong case for saying that this quartet are the natural successors to those two bands." – Classic Rock Magazine

"I love this singer! It sounds like it's very easy for her to sing. There's also a fat guitar tone that sounds like a plump nesting bird!" – Kerrang!

"Sounds wicked! I really have a thing for JOANovARC!" – Annie Nightingale (BBC Radio 1)

"These girls can shred!" – Bruce Dickinson (Iron Maiden)

'JOANovARC' – Track listing

1. Burning (4.25)
2. Waiting For (4.12)
3. Down By The River (3.24)
4. People Coming Up (2.24)
5. Take It Out (4.01)
6. When We Were Young (4.06)
 7. Try It On (3.15)
 8. Jane (3.30)
 9. This Way (2.51)
10. Slipping Away (3.14)
11. Go Home (4.17)

Mixed & Mastered by

Wayne Proctor and Steve Wright of House Of Tone at Y Dream Studios, North Wales

Recorded, Engineered and Produced by

JOANovARC and Andy Hodgson at **Orange Tree Studios**

All songs written by

Samantha Walker, Shelley Walker, Deborah Wildish and Laura Ozholl

Bass and vocals: Samantha Walker

Lead guitar and backing vocals: Shelley Walker

Rhythm guitar and vocals: Laura Ozholl

Drums: Deborah Wildish

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Track by Track

1. Burning

'Burning' is an old track based on the London riots in 2011. One day people are happily getting on with their lives in their community, the next moment it can easily be torn apart over one tragic unforgivable incident that causes an uprising of anger and riots. We wrote this song after seeing people's lives being destroyed in a divided community. The song is passionate and driving. It has a big chorus and a prog rock feel at the end with an instrumental guitar section.

2. Waiting For

This song is about drug addiction and how it can affect the lives of others. This is written about someone Sam cared for in her past who was hooked on drugs. She was hoping he would change for the better but knew deep down he never would. In the end she had to break away as it was tearing her apart. This song was inspired by the Foo Fighters building intros and middle eights. We were looking to create that sound especially with the guitars.

3. Down By The River

'Down By The River' is about loyalty and when the trust between friends has been broken. A girl has a group of friends who stab her in the back metaphorically even though they have been through so much together. This song has another classic 'Layla' inspired guitar riff that is repeated throughout the song with spacious verses that tell the story. There is a dramatic middle eight section and an energetic outro.

4. People Coming Up

This track is about a group of friends who spend all their time getting high on drugs together. The uplifting music represents how they feel at the time before they lose the buzz. Another disco rock song. While in the studio we said to the producer that we wanted to express the people come down from a high as well. The middle eight was a perfect place for this, it almost brings the song to a halt and the last chorus takes the people back up again. It's weird but we like it and it's very fitting for the subject.

5. Take It Out

This song is about someone who doesn't want to admit when they are wrong when they make a mistake. Instead they take it out on the people around them. This is a punchy 'in your face' disco rock song with a Muse style crazy finger tapping outro.

6. When We Were Young

This song is about looking back on your younger years and wondering where the time has gone. A realisation how life has got harder as you get older. Time is precious, and it flies by. It's our farewell song for the album and is inspired by Oasis – a country rock song. For us, 'When We Were Young' is more about the song not the production and we wanted simplicity, so the song would transcend to the listener.

7. Try It On

'Try It On' is a territorial warning to someone who tried to prey on a weak and rocky relationship and not think about the consequences she caused to the other partner at home. This song is JOANovARC's pop/folk song inspired by KT Tunstall and shows a different side to the band with Laura's soulful voice and song writing. The outro definitely brings it back to the JOANovARC rock roots with a hammering Angus Young guitar lead line along with a powerful vocal.

8. Jane

'Jane' features Laura on vocals. It is about a girl who knowingly keeps people who are good for her at arms length. It's a sort of self punishment for wrong doings in the past. The song is sung in third person, as an onlooker watching the interaction between she and the guy who loves her. This is our country rock song inspired by Southern rock and gives the listener a nice long guitar solo with an epic outro.

9. This Way

'This Way' is a song about rejection. It is about a girl who feels unwanted by the guy she is with and he doesn't feel the same as she does after everything she has done for him. It's another powerful song with a strong guitar riff that was inspired by a blues rock vibe. Blues rock is always a good way of expressing heartache.

10. Slipping Away

A song about denial. It's about not facing up to the truth and blocking out feelings. You become numb and not admit to running away from your problems. We wanted this song to sound like 90's grunge – Hole meets The Breeders. It's a very simple 3-minute catchy grunge-like song.

11. Go home

This is a story about a young girl who was confused and mixed up about her emotions. Her life was influenced by drugs, drink and manipulative characters. She runs away from home and then discovers that she is really alone in the city with people who use her for their own gain. She eventually decides that home is the best place to be.



SPRING TOUR DATES 2019

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA: <http://joanovarc.co.uk/events/>

Double Trouble Cider Rally, Weston-Super-Mare

Saturday 18 May

Tickets – www.doubletroublerally.com/tickets

Court Farm Country Park, Wolvershill Road, Banwell, Weston-Super-Mare, BS29 6DL

www.doubletroublerally.com

The Victoria, Walsall

Sunday 19 May

[Facebook](#)

Victoria Ave, Walsall WS3 3EH

www.facebook.com/pages/category/Pub/The-Victoria

Club 85, Hitchin

Thursday 23 May

Tickets – www.club-85.co.uk (from mid-March)

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

74 Whinbush Rd, Hitchin SG5 1PZ

www.club-85.co.uk

Ace Cafe, London

Sunday 26 May

Tickets – Free entry

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Ace Corner, N Circular Rd, London NW10 7UD

<https://london.acecafe.com>

Phoenix Live, Harlow

Album launch

Friday 31 May

Tickets – www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on

[Facebook](#)

15-17 W Gate, Harlow, Essex, CM20 1JP

www.facebook.com/liveatphoenix

Camden Rocks Festival, London

Sunday 2 June

Tickets – <https://camdenrocks.seetickets.com>

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<https://camdenrocksfestival.com>

Old Goats Grumble Festival, Sandon

Friday 14 June

Tickets – <http://lozmcc.esy.es/shop>

[Facebook](#)

Sycamore Farm, Heavy Gate Lane, Shottle, Derbyshire, DE56 2DS

www.facebook.com/OldGoatsGrumble

Anvil Rockbar, Bournemouth

Friday 21 June

Tickets – www.analternativegathering.info/tickets.htm

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15 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8EH

www.facebook.com/events/1651893915110237/

The Iron Road, Pershore

Saturday 22 June

Tickets – www.facebook.com/theironroad

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57 High Street, WR101EU Pershore, Worcestershire

<http://theironroadevesham.co.uk>

Planet Rockstock

Sunday 8 December

Tickets – <http://planetrockstock.gigantic.com/planet-rockstock-tickets>

Park Dean Holiday Park

Trecco Bay, Porthcawl, Wales, CF36 5PW

JOANovARC – BIOGRAPHY

Exploding onto the international music scene in early 2015 with the acclaimed singles 'Live Rock 'n' Roll' and 'White Trash', JOANovARC's status as the new 'Queens of Rock' rose even higher with their debut album, 'Ride Of Your Life'. Released on 9 November through Red Vixen Records/Universal, available through HMV stores UK and outlets around the world.

The album was recorded at Rockfield Studios and produced by Grammy winning producer Gil Norton (Foo Fighters). It brought together new songs with a number of the band's live favourites, including the single 'Dragon In The Sky'.

Formed in 2004 by sisters Sam and Shelley Walker, Deborah Wildish joined later the same year. After five years as a trio, Laura Ozholl completed the line-up in 2009, helping JOANovARC to quickly solidify its reputation for exceptional musicianship, songwriting and unrelenting hard work. The band is already becoming a global phenomenon, with electrifying performances on tour in Europe, Japan, Asia, the Middle East, Caribbean and a recent tour in California USA supporting Huntress at the famous Viper Rooms in Hollywood Sunset Blvd.

The band's singles have been playlisted by radio stations such as Planet Rock (including by the legendary Alice Cooper) and Total Rock, gaining rave reviews from the international rock music press, including Classic Rock and Kerrang! JOANovARC were nominated for the 'Angels of Rock' Hard Rock Hell Award 2017 alongside rock legends Girlschool and Rock Goddess. 2017 saw one of their songs in the Top 20 of the Hard Rock Hell Radio charts.

Their electrifying live shows, outstanding reviews and a rapidly growing fan base have seen producer Gil Norton dub them 'The new Queens of Rock', recognising their status as a truly powerful example of women in music. The venues and festivals played by the band are too numerous to mention. In 2016 these have included the Camden Rock festival, Ireland Bike Festival, Harley Davidson Thunder in the Glens festival, the Liverpool Empire, many iconic London venues and with performances at Hard Rock Hell and Planet Rock Festivals in 2017/2018 supporting major international rock acts.

JOANovARC – ONLINE

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