

California's MindFree Release Debut Album, Create New Genre Called 'Motown Grunge'

For fans of David Bowie, Fleet Foxes, Deep Purple, Elvis Costello, and Neil Young.



Hollywood, California Jul 22, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The debut album by Hollywood's MindFree is something special. Not only is the chemistry between vocalist and guitarist Mark Abbruzzese and keyboardist Keith Walsh charged with creativity, but the added power and precision of drummer Ric Rosario also drives their unique brand of high-energy rock and roll.

"It's a special moment," says Abbruzzese of the release. "It's something that seems surreal. But it happened. And I'm very happy, with everything." When asked how he got his friends aboard, was it fate? Buddha? Jesus? "No," he replied. "I used handguns. Some knives. A few martial arts moves from my Taekwondo days." I asked him what specific Taekwondo moves were involved. "The hand over fist."

MindFree coined the phrase "Motown Grunge," creating a vibe that respects classic rock, as well as post-punk, R&B, and soul. Walsh relies on classic organ emulations such as Hammond B3 and Vox, as well as Fender Rhodes. Abbruzzese uses an all-analog pedalboard called The Mothership, as well as all tube amps and guitars by Fender and Harmony. When MindFree delivers its unique brand of alternative rock the sounds are organic and satisfying.

The album, recorded in North Hollywood's Echo Bar Studios by CD Rios, is an eclectic work, containing

everything from hard rock bangers to power pop ballads, a reggae tune, and a couple of sweet poppers as well. The fabulous Moynahan brothers Mike and Danny contribute trumpet and sax on three songs.

Abbruzzese and Walsh are friends since childhood, and while they went their separate ways after high school, they reunited in 2018. After high school, Abbruzzese rocked clubs in Hollywood with his bands' Scenario and Rocketwolf, while Walsh also played in Hollywood in his band Fahrenheit as well as on early records by Berlin and Stacey Q. Ric Rosario moved to Hollywood from Texas a while back to study at Musician's Institute. In addition to being a dynamic drummer, he is a voracious music lover, listening whenever he can – in the car or while walking to work.

Please enjoy the first single from MindFree's debut, "I Am The Wolf," as well as a cover of the classic Elvis Costello/Nick Lowe tune "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding."

'MindFree' is available now on [Bandcamp](#).

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