



WORLD GONE MAD
The Weight Band

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GENRE:	AMERICANA/ROOTS ROCK

TRACK TITLES

1. World Gone Mad
2. Fire in The Hole
3. Deal
4. I Wish You Were Here Tonight
5. Common Man
6. Heat of the Moment
7. You're Never Too Old (to Rock 'N Roll)
8. Big Legged Sadie
9. Day of the Locusts
10. Every Step of the Way
11. Remedy

Available on compact disc and digital download.

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Reviving the Woodstock Sound, **The Weight Band**
Releases *World Gone Mad*

Woodstock-based artists **The Weight Band** will release their first full-length, 11-track studio album on February 23, 2018 featuring eight original songs, including contributions from the late **Levon Helm** on never-before-released songs written for **The Band**. The album also includes a special guest appearance by **Jackie Greene**.

Recorded at Clubhouse Studio in Rhinebeck, New York, the album salutes a rich musical style best described as the "Woodstock sound." A live, raw and rustic American musical tradition is heard throughout the self-produced album, with lyrics reflecting stories of love, humor, and personal journeys.

"The album salutes ... the 'Woodstock sound'"

World Gone Mad shines bright during moments like **the title track**, a powerful glance at the current national mood. The band's growing concern over the divisiveness of today's political climate and the hardship of life in America is revealed on "**Common Man**" and "**Fire in the Hole**."

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Lead vocals is a job met by all five members of the band. Guitarist and mandolin player, **Jim Weider** likens their shared vocal duties to the treatment and approach perfected during

his 15 years with The Band. "Lead vocals alternate on each song, with members trading off," as evident on "**Heat of the Moment**" and "**I Wish You Were Here Tonight**."

In addition to Weider, **Marty Grebb** (keyboards, organ, acoustic guitar, horns), **Brian Mitchell** (keyboards, organ, accordion), **Albert Rogers** (bass), and **Michael Bram** (drums, harmonica) deliver a level of virtuosity and style of performance rarely heard in music today. Jackie Greene (vocals, slide guitar) sits in on "**Deal**," a dynamic cover of the classic Jerry Garcia-Robert Hunter song. **Randy Ciarlante**, a former Band and Weight Band member, is also a guest on two songs.

"Jackie Greene ... sits in on 'Deal'"

The album is capped off by a full-tilt live version of "**Remedy**," co-written by Jim Weider and originally recorded for The Band's *Jericho* album.

The launch of *World Gone Mad* is perfectly timed for the group, capitalizing on new attention generated from their live concert showcase on the nationally syndicated PBS television series, *Infinity Hall Live*.

Album artwork was designed by John Halpern (The Eagles, OutKast), with graphics by Larry Freemantle (Kid Rock.)



"The Weight carries on where The Band left off" - Chicago Sun Times

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The **Weight Band** originated in 2013 inside the famed Woodstock, New York barn of Levon Helm when **Jim Weider** and Randy Ciarlante — both former members of The Band — performed “Songs of The Band” with Band founder, Garth Hudson, alongside Jimmy Vivino and Byron Isaacs.

Inspired to carry on the legacy of the unforgettable rock group, Weider (guitar, mandolin, vocals), Ciarlante and Isaacs began performing fan favorites from The Band catalog to audiences across the country, inviting **Marty Grebb** (keyboards, organ, horns, vocals) and **Brian Mitchell** (keyboards, organ, accordion, vocals) to complete their sound. The Weight Band later added **Albert Rogers** (bass, vocals) and **Michael Bram** (drums, vocals) to make

up their current lineup with Weider, Mitchell and Grebb. Together, after four years of touring, The Weight Band has recorded a new album of original material, capturing The Band’s musical tradition and packaged for today’s vibrant Americana base.

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The Weight Band’s musical connections to The Band run deep. Replacing Robbie Robertson as a member of The Band in 1985, Weider toured internationally with Levon Helm, Garth Hudson and Rick Danko. His tenure included writing for and recording three studio albums with The Band.

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Weider and Brian Mitchell are also members of Levon Helm’s Midnight Ramble Band. Five time Grammy-award winner Brian Mitchell is highly regarded in the music industry. Marty Grebb, formerly with The Buckingham and who has performed with Leon Russell, Bonnie Raitt, and countless others, contributed to both The Band’s *Jericho* and *Jubilation* albums.

Albert Rogers shared the stage with Helm and Hudson in The Jim Weider Band. Michael Bram joined The Weight Band after seven years touring with Jason Mraz.

The group releases their first full-length studio album in February 2018. *World Gone Mad* is an Americana/Roots Rock masterpiece of the Woodstock sound.

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