Battersby

John Battersby Vocals & Guitar
Marc Klein Drums
Tristan Bell Lead Guitarist
CJ Duckitt Bass Guitar

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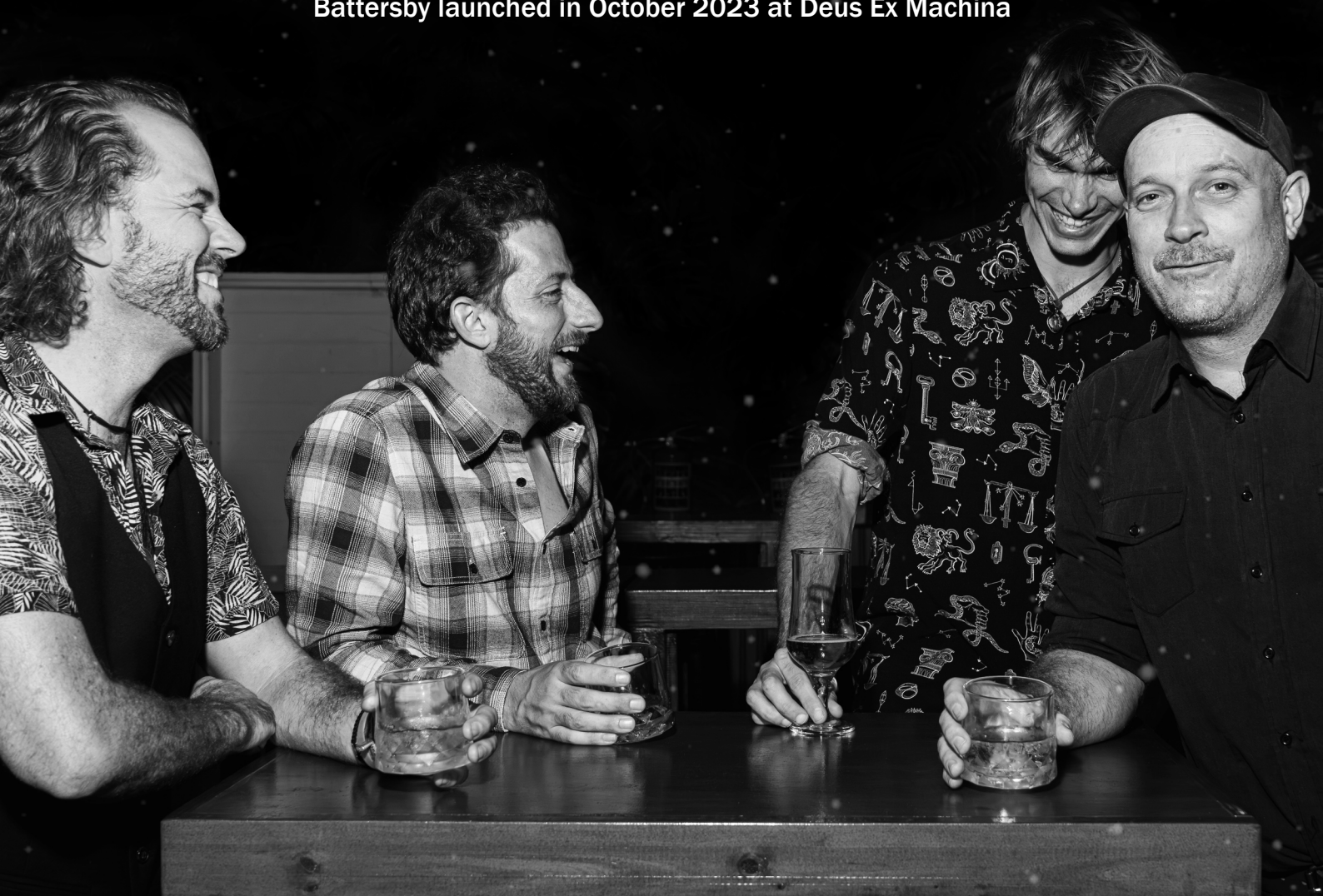
Origin Story

John Battersby performed for many years around South Africa and abroad in the Indie-rock inspired band RED TAPE RIOT. After a short hiatus from the local music scene, John reached out to friends and fellow musical cohorts to participate in a new musical endeavour titled ‘Battersby’. This included Lead Guitarist Tristan Bell, who’s previous band BRYNN had just called it a day. After a year of work on debut album ‘Stone Figures’, RED TAPE RIOT Drummer, Marc Klein joined the outfit. A week before the band’s official launch in 2023, CJ Duckitt, Bassist of the band MURRAY, completed the line-up.

Battersby brings together a group of experienced musicians who each contribute to the band’s distinct sonic character. Together, they create a layered sound that combines classic rock traditions and mid 2000’s Indie with more current tones and styles. Their chemistry is built on live collaboration and shared musical instincts rather than rigid studio construction. This approach gives their music a rawness that translates strongly in both recordings and live performances, making their sound feel immediate and emotionally grounded.

Battersby’s ‘why’ can be summed up by something the band often says to each other - ‘The places music takes us’, and it is that sense of adventure that drives them most.

Battersby launched in October 2023 at Deus Ex Machina



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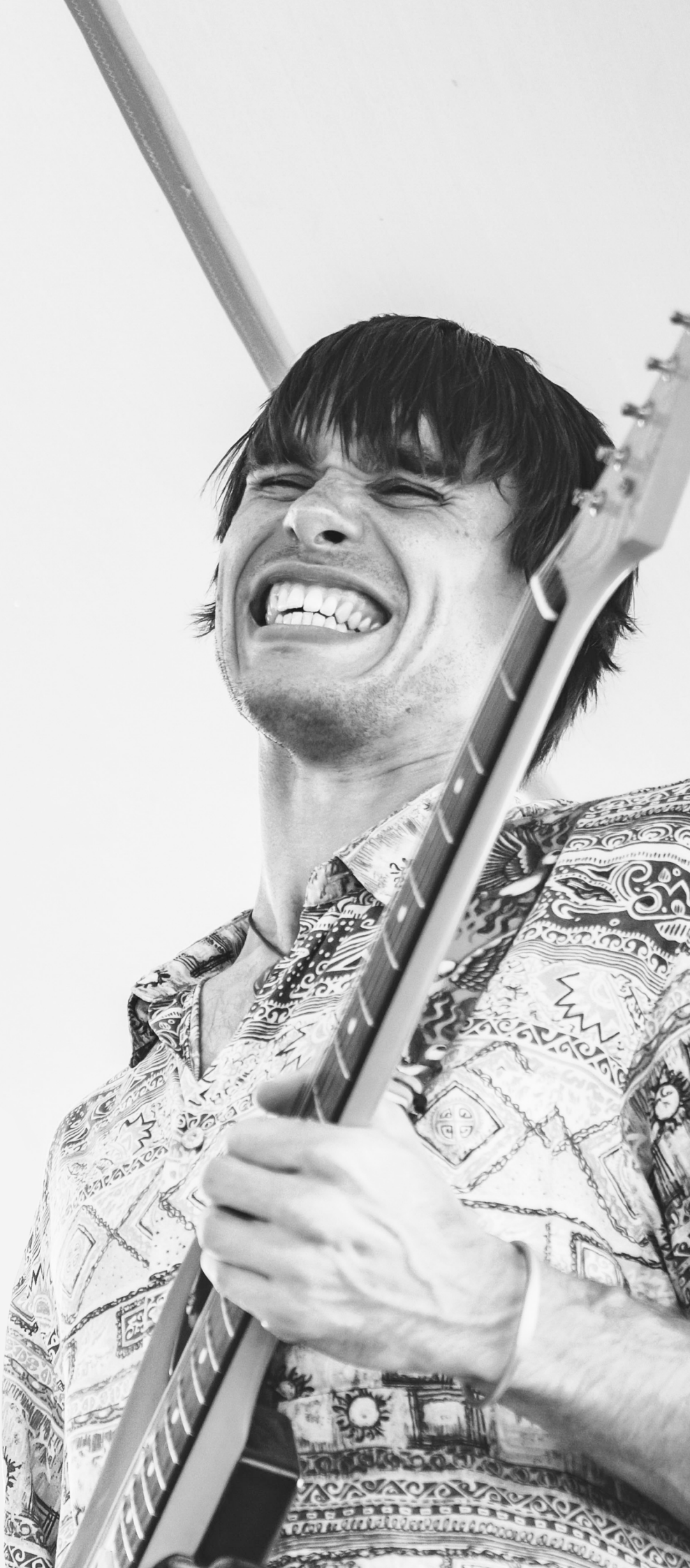
SINGLES FROM DEBUT ALBUM



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Infuences

Since forming, Battersby have developed a reputation for authentic songwriting and compelling stage performances that connect deeply with audiences. Their musical influences include acts such as The Killers, War on Drugs, Dire Straits, Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, The Beach Boys, Nirvana, Soundgarden, Fleetwood Mac, and Nothing But Thieves. The band is also passionate about the talent in their local music scene. These influences result in a sound that balances emotional storytelling with driving guitar work and atmospheric depth. Audiences have responded strongly to their mix of introspective lyrics and powerful instrumentation.



LIVE PERFORMANCES

Over the past two and a half years since launching Battersby has toured extensively and played at some of the best venues in the country.

Highlights include:

- Reed Valley Theare with Jeremy Loops
- Daisy Jones with Prime Cirle
- Daisy Jones with Dan Patlansky
- Bay Harbour Market with Arno Carstens
- Fools & Fans with Freshy Ground
- Darling Brew Festival
- Full house shows at Deus Ex Machina
- Stone Figures album launch
- Arrows single video launch and The Loft

Other veues include: House of Machines, Karoo Saloon, The Loft, Gecko Bar, 1854, Bridge Street Brewery, St Francis YC, Fergo's, Barcadia, Hangklip Hotel, Beach House, Tararntino's, Zeppelins, Bent Head and more...



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We look forward to hearing from you!

