

Joe Kaplow

Sending Money and Stems

“The first 20 years is just to see if you like it or not,” iconic surfer Jerry Lopez jokes.

It’s not something Joe Kaplow thought much about until recently, mostly because he’s been too busy to stop and think it all through. At age eight he was being reprimanded by his Uncle Jim for playing out of time. A few years later found him passing his evenings after school getting stoned and playing with his first band in his friend Bondar’s basement. Before he knew it, he was studying music in Boston and having to sink or swim in the sea of talent at school and in the clubs. Rest assured, he learned to swim, and he’s been doing just that since 2016 - plugging his amp into the outlet of American music heritage, driving from town to town while figuring it out along the way.

Upon listening to Joe Kaplow’s forthcoming second full length album, *Sending Money and Stems* (release date, April 30 via Fluff and Gravy Records), the first thing that strikes you is his voice. Over the course of 10 affecting indie folk tracks, his shimmering falsetto seems to dance with the strings of his guitar as it pulls you in and takes the lead. Recorded largely in his own bedroom, Kaplow plays most of the instruments himself, including guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, keyboards, percussion, and trumpet. When it came time for mixing though, he relied on the trusted hands and ears of Portland fixture, Mike Coykendall (M Ward, She and Him, Blitzen Trapper, Richmond Fontaine) as well as Lucas Heinel.

These days, Kaplow describes music as his “currency for life. We all have something, or a few things that we do, we work at, we commit to and that’s how we pay for our time here. It’s like a Ferris wheel. Every 4 times around you have to stop at the bottom and pay for another half hour”. And Joe has no plans to give up his seat.



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Track Listing

5am.....	4:03
February Prorated Rent.....	4:09
Little Sleep.....	4:29
Tell Me Everythings Gunna Be Alright.....	3:00
Cassette.....	3:29
How Old Is My Soul.....	4:30
Rain Drums.....	5:09
Shark Fun.....	3:34
Some Things.....	3:49
Roses.....	3:05



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