

# Jaime Michaels

## once upon a different time

Jaime Michaels has a new album called *"once upon a different time."* This time around marks a return to all original music following the success of Jaime's previous release, the mostly covers benefit album *"unknown blessings,"* which to date has raised thousands of dollars for the music camp for at risk teens sponsored by the Kerrville Folk Festival Foundation.

*"once upon a different time"* again pairs Jaime with producer Jono Manson, their eighth collaboration. The cast of supporting players gathered from around the world includes, among others, fellow songwriters David Berkeley & Melissa Greener (vocals) and the Phil Lesh band's Jason Crosby (keyboards and violin), in addition to the usual cast of players assembled at Jono's Kitchen Sink Studio in New Mexico.

Jaime's originals employ a wide palette of sounds & rhythms, stories & rhymes. The songs range from the heartfelt ballad *"crazy for me"* to the rocking word play of *"steal light,"* which imagines a conversation between god and the devil, although it is not always clear just who is saying what. Jaime makes his bouzouki debut on the wonderfully rolling title track which tells the tale of a crow left to guard the homestead when his flock flies south escaping a cold Alaskan winter.

On the track *"warming,"* Jaime manages to include concerns about climate change & income inequality, reflections on the collapse of the ottoman empire at the end of world war one, some hopes for the future and a pineapple joke. *"somewhere like italy"* touches upon the beauty of right now while *"the heat"* tells its beautiful tale of love lost in three quarter time. The album ends with *"singing for my supper,"* the story of Jaime's musical life told in a bluegrassy 2 minutes and 35 seconds. It's a return to form for Jaime with brilliant writing and great playing all tied together with Manson's sublime production.

The album is available in Europe on Italy's Appaloosa Records and in the U.S. on fumdahart/con artisti.



1. once upon a different time 4:12
2. warming 4:14
3. no paddle wheel 3:33
4. crazy for me 3:17
5. somewhere like italy 3:38
6. a little more 5:07
7. steal light 4:26
8. circling around 3:27
9. the heat 5:33
10. winter song 3:58
11. singing for my supper 2:35

*"Jaime writes songs with special meanings. . .with a sense of purpose, a sense of belief that music is as critical to life as breathing itself."* Wanda Adams Fischer/WAMC