

Fred Smith - CD Launch for “Texas” Tilley’s – Saturday May 10, 2008

“Smith is a superb songwriter with a wry sense of humour and a wonderful eye for the idiosyncrasies of modern life”
Bruce Elder, Sydney Morning Herald – 17th Nov 2007

Fred Smith returns to Tilley’s after 3 years of touring on the North American circuit to launch his new CD “Texas”. The new CD consolidates his last 3 years of writing in and about America.

Fred Smith is one of Australia’s most remarkable contemporary songwriters. He is the subject of a documentary film Bougainville Sky about his experiences on peace keeping operations in the war-torn islands of the South Pacific where his work as a musician and radio broadcaster contributed to the success of the world’s first ever unarmed peace keeping force.

Smith’s songs range from the deeply affecting, to the astringently observant, to the rousing singalong. He has a perceptive eye for modern life, its foibles and joys, and an ability to express this in song. His live performances have earned descriptions from “Australia’s answer to Billy Bragg” to “Loudon Wainwright meets Noel Coward”.

Fred will be taking the Tilley’s stage with his 4 piece band.

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Philip OBrien, producer, ArtSound FM 103.1

“One of the most interesting and original artists I had the luck to discover last year”
Massimo Ferro, Radio Voce Spazio, Italy

“One should seriously consider purchasing Bagarap Empires. Especially if you are, or would like to be, a songwriter, just to hear how good it sounds when it’s done really well”
Mike Cooper, fROOTS magazine (UK)

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