

True Strays release new single 'Take What You Want From Me' on Feb 26th.

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**Take What You Want From Me**, a sentiment that reverberates through our lives. Whether it's said endearingly in offer of hope to a friend, or the angst of being drained of all you have to give. A swaggering verse of roots rock groove sets the scene, mirroring the depths of despair felt through these modern times, **'Nothing left to give, gave it all away, bent out of shape, got to catch a break'**. The bridge picks up pace and there's hope that you can **'Turn it around'** and as it explodes into the anthemic rock and rolling chorus of **'Take what you want from me, take it for free, you won't get what you need'** the band take full flight and the intensity dial is ramped up to the red.

Taken from the forthcoming debut album **'Heart of the Matter'**, an album that was on the brink of collapse. With the band's biggest and first fully ticketed tour to date, and some of their most prestigious festival appearances all being cancelled with the impact of Covid-19, it wasn't looking like it could be finished. Reaching out to their fans to help complete the album, a **kickstarter campaign** was started and an incredible amount of funds were raised. Just over £9k. This act of community kindness and belief from their fanbase instilled hope and drive to complete the album, and this is the first release from the album sessions.

### Biography

True Strays are lifelong friends, songwriters and country boys - Joseph James and James Cameron - from Bristol, England who are fast carving out a niche of their own in the UK Americana scene. Their music is a cathartic celebration of alternative roots americana and blues rock.

Their songs focus on the dirt that life throws at you and how struggle can be transformed into something better. The prolific songwriting duo draw influences from classic sounds such as Neil Young, Muddy Waters, Fleetwood Mac and modern retro inspired acts like Alabama Shakes, Gary Clark Jr and the Black Keys.

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From the rock and roll circumstances of their first meeting, in a sand pit in playgroup 30 odd years ago, they have completed countless UK tours, supported bands as diverse as **My Baby** and **Elles Bailey**, been jump started by Keith Allen, played by **BBC Introducing** and **BBC Radio 4**, played their first European dates, survived 70+ festival shows at prestigious festivals like **Green Man**, **Boom Town**, **Larmer Tree** and **Shambala** and have been featured on the **Spotify's Nu-Blue** and **Modern Blues Rock** playlists.

2021 sees a year's hard work behind the scenes coming to fruition. A recent invite to showcase at the prestigious **UK AmericanaFest**, a debut album recorded and a main stage slot at **Black Deer Festival** all on the horizon. With or without live shows, True Strays are not giving up on their musical calling.

## Press

**"...strong'** - BluesNews

**"Rising stars of the UK Americana scene"** – The List

**"Country cool rock 'n' roll"** -  
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## Live Stream & Live Dates

26th January - AmericanaFest UK 2021

3 Apr - Greystones, Sheffield

12 Apr - Bannermans, Edinburgh

17 Apr - Sebright Arms, London

1 May - Louisiana, Bristol

29 May - Elderflower Fields Festival

20 Jun - Black Deer Festival

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