



“The Swimming Song” – Joel Timmons

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Joel Timmons Adds A Beachy Twang To Loudon Wainwright III’s “The Swimming Song”

Latest from Timmons’ upcoming Maya de Vitry-produced solo debut, *Psychedelic Surf Country*; Out February 7th

Charleston, SC – Jan. 10, 2025 – For the latest single from [Joel Timmons](#)’ anticipated solo debut, *Psychedelic Surf Country*, the long-time sideman and band member took his own album’s title to heart with a sun-soaked cover of Loudon Wainwright III’s “The Swimming Song.” With the help of *Psychedelic Surf Country* producer Maya de Vitry, Timmons chose to record “The Swimming Song” for the album, and its reverb-drenched electric guitars pushed the tune into a whole different genre from 1973’s clawhammer banjo-driven original. “I dig the tone of my 1968 Ovation Thunderhead guitar pumping through a Mesa Boogie amp,” laughs Timmons.

Since 2017, when Timmons was lucky enough to see Wainwright perform “The Swimming Song” live at the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, the song left an unforgettable impression. Wainwright’s simple, observational verses translate beautifully to Timmons’ delivery and the overall vibe of *Psychedelic Surf Country*. Joined by de Vitry and Shelby Means on background vocals, Timmons and his relentless rhythm section hit verse after verse without letting up, highlighting the in-betweens with spooky pedal steel and single-note tremolo guitar lines; all of which feel rightly appropriate for the coastal Carolina native and his *Psychedelic Surf Country* sound.

Fans can check out MAGNET Magazine’s premiere of “The Swimming Song” video [here](#) and stream or purchase the song at [this](#) link. Check out Timmons’ previously-released singles, “[Guitars, Guns, and Pickup Trucks](#),” “[Turbo](#),” and “[The Bullfighter](#)” featuring Shovels & Rope’s Cary Ann Hearst, at

their respective links, and pre-order or pre-save Psychedelic Surf Country ahead of its February 7th release [right here](#). Keep an eye out for more new music, tour dates, and more at joeltimmons.com.

Psychedelic Surf Country Tracklist:

Just A Man

Turbo

The Bullfighter

Guitars, Guns, and Pickup Trucks

Edge of the Empire

Cottage by the Sea

Say It To My Face

The Swimming Song

East Nashville Cowboy

Here We Are

Tryin'

Catch Joel Timmons on Tour:

1/14 – Beach Bar – St John USVI *

1/15 – Beach Bar – St John USVI *

1/16 – Hull Bay Hideaway – St Thomas USVI *

1/17 – Windmill Bar – St John USVI *

1/18 – Windmill Bar – St John USVI *

1/19 – Sapphire Beach Bar – St Thomas USVI *

1/20 – Beach Bar – St John USVI *

1/25 – Hull Bay Hideaway – St Thomas USVI ^

1/26 – Sapphire Beach Bar – St Thomas USVI ^

1/29 – Windmill Bar – St John USVI ^

2/2 – Sapphire Beach Bar – St Thomas USVI ^

2/8 – Charleston Pour House – Charleston SC

2/12 – Analog at Hutton Hotel – Nashville TN

2/15 – House Concert – Charleston SC ^

2/28-3/2 – Green Parrot Bar – Key West, FL *

3/15 – Charleston Pour House – Charleston SC *

3/19 – Tractor Tavern – Seattle, WA +

3/20 – Showdown – Portland, OR (co-bill w/ Love, Dean) +

3/22 – The Talent Club – Ashland, OR +

3/26 – The '58 @ Eastside Bowl – Nashville, TN +

4/24 – Parlor Room – Northampton, MA +

5/4 – Sundays on the River – Asheville, NC +

5/23-5/25 – Rooster Walk Festival – Martinsville VA *

5/30 – Party At the Point – Mt Pleasant SC *

* = with Sol Driven Train

^ = with Sally & George

+ = with Maya de Vitry

About Joel Timmons: Joel Timmons is a dynamic songwriter, musician, and journeyman. Growing up on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Timmons developed a deep connection to both music and the ocean, influences that permeate his artistic work. His early years were marked by a passion for surfing and a love for music, cultivated in part by his mother, a photographer and park ranger at Fort Moultrie, a vibrant local arts scene, and a close community of aspiring young musicians. The lead vocalist and guitarist for Sol Driven Train, founded by Timmons and his friends during college in 2000, Timmons also plays guitar with Maya de Vitry and makes music with his life-partner and wife, Shelby Means, under the name Sally & George. Psychedelic Surf Country, out Feb. 7, marks the long-time collaborator's first solo-work.

