

# SUMO PRINCESS 相撲姫

## OFFICIAL BIO

Los Angeles based, bass and drum duo **Sumo Princess** is the brainchild of bassist/ vocalist **Abby Travis** (The Go-Go's, Cher, Eagles of Death Metal, Masters of Reality, Farflung, The Bangles, Beck, KMFDM, Elastica). Travis and drummer/cohort **Gene Trautmann** (Queens of the Stoneage, Eagles of Death Metal, The Twilight Singers, Mark Lanegan, Mojave Lords) have been friends since the 1980's when she was in The Lovedolls and he played drums with paisley underground stalwarts The Miracle Workers.

Through heavily effected post fuzz bass and often flexible song structure, Sumo Princess instrumental roots can be found in The Residents, Black Sabbath, The Butthole Surfers, Royal Blood, and The Fall. Travis' vocals are often compared to Nina Hagen and Kate and Cindy of the B52's. Live the band puts on an explosive show. Sumo Princess has shared stages with Juliette Lewis, Alain Johannes, Sweethead, Mojave Lords, and is touring in May of 2019 with The Meat Puppets to support their first full length "When an Electric Storm" (5/8/19 release date: Ruined Vibes)

In 2018 Sumo Princess released two 7" singles "You Will Break/ Sumo Princess" and "Star Spangled Banner/ Tinsel Man". The band collaborated with 9 different artists to create as many collectable versions of these first picture discs. "When an Electric Storm" was recorded over the course of 2017,2018 in between Travis' stints playing bass for Cher and The Go-Go's.

Travis says:

"A lot of this music is my reaction to being a hired gun for so long. I just got sick of being appropriate and tastefully restrained. Most of Sumo Princess's music is very aggressive and quite political, albeit by metaphor rather than an anvil to the skull".

Trautmann says:

"When Abby asked me to play in Sumo I was stoked because I knew her musicianship and drive would challenge me to better my own playing and to do things I wouldn't normally do in the standard rock paradigm. We're really hitting marks across the spectrum of style and I like it like that. Also I get to sing and play orchestral percussion, which is awesome."

"When An Electric Storm" available May 8th on Ruined Vibes (vinyl) and Educational Recordings (digital)



### Track list:

#### Side A:

1. Kill the King
2. Crooked Plough
3. New Goth

#### Side B:

1. Kali Ma
2. You Will Rise
3. Angel Dust
4. Click Bait

### Tour Dates

- May 9 Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn Bowl
- May 10 Philadelphia, PA Underground Arts
- May 11 Asbury Park, NJ Asbury Lanes
- May 13 Woodstock, NY Colony
- May 14 Hamden, CT Space Ballroom
- May 15 Portland, ME Port City Music Hall
- May 16 Boston, MA Brighton Music Hall
- May 17 Portsmouth, NH 3S Artspace
- May 18 Jersey City, NJ White Eagle Music Hall
- May 26 Los Angeles, CA Bootleg Theater

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