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DB Magazine 'Yeh Nah' album review 2006

If you're unfamiliar with the name, let me bring you up to speed: Ill Starred Captain are a guitar and drums two-piece hailing from Port Lincoln who play their own brand of back porch folk and 'Yeh Nah' is their first full – length offering after a couple of independently released Ep's. Before you get any ideas, they don't hold too many similarities to the Black Keys or The White Stripes; instead they go about things in a decidedly more laid back fashion. The album gets underway with the softly fuzzed guitar of *Live Feed* which boasts a great vocal melody supplied by singer / guitarist Scott Bassham whilst Justin Francis brings up the rear with his subtly capable drum work. It gives way to the wistful acoustic strums of *Day In The Summer Time* before the stomping instrumental *The Devil Jumped Up* ramps up the tempo again. On tracks like *Turn It On* and *Whistling down the Wind* they remind me a little of Led Zeppelin in acoustic mode, but this duo have a sound all their own. The band has produced the album themselves and has done a fine job, with everything sounding in place without losing any of the live, loose feel. Ill Starred Captain were in town recently and I missed them this time around, but let's both agree to check them out next time they come our way.