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**BEN MILLER BAND TAPPED TO OPEN FOR ZZ TOP FOLLOWING
SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN TOUR TOGETHER**

***ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM* OUT NOW ON NEW WEST RECORDS**

“I don’t remember having stood through an opening act’s show in quite sometime but I couldn’t seem to leave, they were that engaging.” - Billy Gibbons, ZZ Top

**“I’m all for anything that they’ll get things
confused. Those boys are unique.” – Dusty Hill, ZZ Top**

LOS ANGELES, CA, August 11, 2014 – On their recent European tour with Texas rock legends **ZZ Top**, the **Ben Miller Band** floored audiences with their high-octane “Ozark stomp” and riotous live show, resulting in a slew of new converts crowding the merch table and the band selling upwards of 300 albums per night. Bearded icons Billy Gibbons and Dusty Hill were so impressed with the Joplin, MO-based trio that they have invited them to be main support on the second leg of their fall North American tour. Following its ongoing headline run, BMB will join back up the sharp dressed men in late September for a tour that will take them all across the East Coast, Mid West, South and parts of Canada. All dates below with more to be added.

Ben Miller Band’s sophomore album, *Any Way, Shape Or Form* was just released **August 5** on **New West Records**. Produced by **Vance Powell** (Jack White, Wanda Jackson, Kings of Leon), the LP is an exhilarating listen that opens with the barnburner “**The Outsider**” and moves from the roadhouse blues of “**You Don’t Know**” to the thoughtful country ballad of “**I Feel For You**,” the searing jam of “**Burning Building**” to left-field departures like “**23 Skidoo**,” which sees the band hopping from Dixieland jazz to a Tom Waitsian dirge to Santo & Johnny’s iconic “Sleep Walk” in the same song. While those tunes show off Miller’s songwriting craftsmanship, a memorable workout on the Appalachian folk song “**The Cuckoo**” underlines the band’s interpretive abilities and turns tradition on its head with Dicharry’s effects-laden electric spoons playing. *Blurt* magazine exclaimed: “As its name suggests, *Any Way, Shape Or Form* is a tidy mishmash of blustery boogie, down home designs and a well-heeled backwoods stomps...with a fun and frivolous outlook to boot. Oh, and it also rocks like hell.”

Any Way, Shape or Form’s title refers to the band’s method of using any means necessary to get the songs across. From the genre hopping and melding of a century’s worth of wide-ranging influences to their makeshift instruments, unstinting work ethic and must-see live show, it’s a statement that rings true in everything they do and one that has helped them develop a grassroots following. The Ben Miller Band’s homespun, self-reliant approach extends to the lo-tech, and largely self-built, instruments that the members play on stage and in the studio. Singer-songwriter Ben Miller utilizes thrift-shop guitars and banjos, bassist Scott Leeper mans a one-string washtub bass – comprised of a weed eater string attached to a wooden pole – and multi-instrumentalist Doug Dicharry has a varied arsenal consisting of trombone, trumpet, mandolin, electric washboard and electric spoons. Their use of offbeat instrumentation shouldn’t be misunderstood as a gimmick, however. “What I really care about is songs, and the rest of it is just a vehicle to get you to that destination,” frontman **Ben Miller** says, adding, “Just because we use junk to make music doesn’t mean we aren’t serious about it.”

Check out the band’s rousing rendition of their flagship song “**The Outsider**,” filmed live at **CMT Edge’s** studio: <http://www.cmtedge.com/2014/08/06/ben-miller-band-taking-a-stand-in-the-outsider/> But to get the full experience, come see the Ben Miller Band live and see a band that repeatedly gets standing ovations, even when they’re just the opening act.

BEN MILLER BAND ON TOUR

August 15 – Springfield, MO @ Patton Alley Pub
August 16 – Joplin, MO @ The Kitchen Pass
August 22 – Paola, KS @ Park Square – Paola Roots Festival
August 23 – Tahlequah, OK @ Diamondhead Resort
August 29 – Carbondale, IL The Hangar 9
August 30 – Manteno, IL @ Shoe Fest
September 7 – Bowling Green, OH @ Black Swamp Arts Festival
September 18 – Nashville, TN @ Americana Music Festival
September 20 – Gillette, WY @ Main Street Brewfest
September 25 – Northampton, MA @ Iron Horse
September 26 – Burlington, VT @ Higher Ground
September 27 – Portland, ME @ Maine State Pier *
September 28 – Hampton Beach, NH @ Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom *
September 30 – Montreal, QC @ Bell Centre *
October 1 Hamilton, ON @ First Ontario Centre *
October 4 – Tahlequah, OH @ Riverstomp Festival
October 7 – Milwaukee, WI @ Riverside Theater *
October 8 – Fort Wayne, IN @ Foellinger Theatre *
October 9 – Chicago, IL @ Martyrs
October 11 – Clear Lake, IA @ Surf Ballroom *
October 12 – Davenport, IA @ Adler Theater *
October 14 – Huntington, WV @ Big Sandy Superstore Arena *
October 17 – Philadelphia, PA @ Electric Factory
October 18 – Red Bank, NJ @ Count Basie Theatre *
October 19 – Kingston, NY @ Ulster Performing Arts Center *
October 22 – Roanoke, VA @ Roanoke Performing Arts Theatre *
October 24 – St. Paul, MN @ Turf Club
October 29 – Montgomery, AL @ Montgomery Performing Arts Centre *

* With ZZ Top

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