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Boo Ray

Bad News Travels Fast

Boo Ray's *Bad News Travels Fast* is like a book on tape you'd like to pop in and never take out — a most agreeable companion for most any situation. Much like the songwriter himself, these songs are well-travelled and bear the lofty weight of the southern songwriter genre with great class and ease. At work here is a combination of West coast glimmer, Nashville knowledge and the free-loving grit of the southern blues. The Colin Linden (“O Brother Where Art Thou?”) co-penned “Bad News Travels Fast” is not just the perfect foot-stomping title track, but a perfect summation of everything you need to know about this record's namesake in the future. Bad news, good news, it doesn't matter — the news about Boo Ray is spreading quickly. Don't miss out.

— Alec Wooden