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# The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer *Don't Make 'Em Like They Used To*



**Band:** The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer

**Single:** Don't Make 'Em Like They Used To

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**For Fans of...** The Black Keys, Jack White, Danger Mouse

Canadian duo **The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer** are about to embark on their first European tour supporting **Dr. Dog** (April 19th - 25th) and **XIXA** (April 27th - May 2nd). Catch them in London on **April 25th 2016** at **Oslo** in Hackney in anticipation of their latest single **Don't Make 'Em Like They Used To**, which is out on **May 6th 2016** via **Tonic Records**.

The duo combines the classic blues rock sound of **Willie Dixon** but with a modern edge akin to **Jack White** and **The Black Keys**. Together, the pair have created a their own take on the genre, smothered in greasy, gritty soul and imbued with an injection of funk.

The Harpoonist & The Axe Murderer are **Shawn Hall** (lead vocals, harmonica) and **Matthew Rogers** (guitar, drums, backing vocals). The two met and bonded over music whilst at a recording session for a radio jingle and named their new project after the blues harp reference lyric "I took my harpoon out of my dirty red bandana" from **Kris Kristofferson's Bobby McGee** and the term "axe" as a common reference to a guitar. Since then, the guys have gone from strength to strength with the release of their debut album *The Blues Can Kill* in 2007, the widely acclaimed *Checkered Past* in 2011 and most recently, *A Real Fine Mess* in 2014.

The two-piece have already received praise from the likes of **Exclaim!**, **Pop Matters** and **The Blues Magazine** amongst others. They have also been nominated for *Blues Album of the Year* at the **Junos** in 2014, for multiple **Maple Blues Awards** and won *Blues Act of the Year* at the **SiriusXM Indies** in 2013. Despite this being their first European tour, they are far from unknown on the live circuit, having already played at **SXSW 2013/14**, **Ottawa Blues Fest**, **Montreal Jazz Fest** and have shared the stage with **Taj Mahal**, **Booker T Jones**, **David Wilcox** and **Mother Mother**, to name but a few. Catch them live at the following dates:

**April 19th** - Privatclub - Berlin  
**April 20th** - Nichtspeicher - Hamburg  
**April 21st** - Sugar Mountain At Paradiso - Amsterdam  
**April 22nd** - Bababoum - Paris  
**April 23rd** - Cafe De Zwerver - Oostende  
**April 25th** - Oslo - London  
**April 27th** - Blue Shell - Cologne  
**April 29th** - La Graviere, Geneva  
**April 30th** - Hafen 2 - Offenbach  
**May 1st** - Slowclub - Freiburg  
**May 2nd** - El Lokal - Zurich

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