

Jimbo Mathus & the Tri State Coalition rocked the EARL Wednesday night

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RATING FOR JIMBO MATHUS & THE TRI STATE COALITION AT THE EARL IN ATLANTA, 9/12/12

Last night down in the *East Atlanta Village* a couple of bands hit the stage and gave all the folks who ventured out on a Wednesday night all their ears could handle. Jamming set lists full of southern infused blues rock Mississippi's favorite son *Jimbo Mathus* brought his *Tri State Coalition* into town and was joined on stage by Atlanta's own *Chickens & Pigs*.

If you have never experienced one of [Jimbo Mathus'](#) shows then shame on you. Full of some of the best music to venture out of the South, Mr. Mathus has assembled a talented band that can freely

move between blues, country and rock and never miss a beat. Last night was no different as they tore through a set list that started off strong and got better from there. Jimbo's vocals sounded stronger than ever and when he whipped out the mandolin it was a nice surprise. *Matt Piercem* manipulated sounds from his guitar that could make a grown man cry and the combination of him and Jimbo is what made the live tunes so powerful. While driven by the guitars, it is *Eric Carlton* that gives the music its soul, and last night was no different. He owned the keys then pulled a trick out of his sleeve and strapped on an accordion which sounded great alongside Jimbo's mandolin.

With a few gems from his past, the set list was heavy on tune from his latest EP *Blue Light* and new songs from the upcoming release *White Buffalo*. They kicked things off with the rocking "Shady Dealing" which set the bar high for the rest of the night. A mainstay of his set list is "[Jimmy The Kid](#)", one of the best songs Jimbo has ever recorded, and last night they killed it. They threw in the new song "White Buffalo" which was a chaotic cornucopia of sound. The psychedelic blues rock tune was one of the loudest songs I have ever heard Jimbo perform, and as it progressed the volume increased and he became a man possessed. Highlighting the night was the tune "[Blue Light](#)", a blues number about law enforcement and the funk heavy "[Dirty Hustlin](#)", I can listen to those two songs all night long. As the ringing of the last note of music died in the people's ears, Jimbo & crew left the stage leaving everyone wanting more.

Starting the night off was the Atlanta band [Chickens & Pigs](#). Lead by *Jeff Evans* and *Michelle Friedman* they welcome any and all folks who want to play with them and last night guitar virtuoso *Mark Johnson* from *Delta Moon* joined them and showed off his skills. Their set was pretty damn good as they rolled through tunes about dogs, beer and *Lynyrd Skynyrd*. Playing all over Atlanta, this laid back band is worth checking out.

As the night came to a close, the [EARL](#) once again showed why they are one of the best places to listen to music in town. With acts like Jimbo Mathus & the Tri State Coalition gracing the stage they continue to bring the bands people want to see. Jimbo may be one of the most underrated musicians out there today and last night he got to show off how talented he really is. With the ability to tackle any genre of music you never know which direction the set list will take but one thing is for sure it is going to be good. Keep an eye out next time he rolls through town because you won't want to miss it.