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TiaJuana and her Depths of Despair

"Tia Juana and her Depths of Despair" take a tantalizing journey through songs of sorrow, littered with tangos of torment, fateful fado and tales of unrelenting woe. The comic is mixed with the poignant, brought out in spoken word and song. Filled with haunting love-songs, cynical jazz/blues and the obligatory drinking song, "Tia Juana and Her Depths of Despair" run the gamut of emotional highs to tragic lows. Appearing at The Butterfly Club.

Working as cabaret performers/musicians in Wollongong, over the last five years, this band has slowly developed a particular style of music and comedy that has evolved into 'Tia Juana and Her Depths of Despair'. The name of the band denotes a love of the melodramatic and captures the mood of the show - dealing with the topic of depression in an absurdist style.

Lead singer, Tia Wilson/Juana comes from a love of folk songs, particularly those that tell tales of misfortune and suffering, such as Portuguese fado music, which is often concerned with melancholic themes. Mixed with this is the comedy, mostly within the character of Tia Juana, narrating her journey of suffering. She is an absurdist character, yet most of the songs she sings reveal a real heaviness and sadness. She is an existentialist, in that she makes observations about suffering and highlights the bizarre nature of it all.

Musically, the band stretch out from traditional folk tunes all the way to some very bent rock moments (Pink Floyd-esque). The band goes wherever sorrow can be sniffed out!

We also give a 'despairing' treatment (a dress-down, so-to-speak) of a favourite uplifting musical number. We also have the obligatory drinking song to drown one's sorrows!

What we aim for is a balance between the tragic and comic, hoping that an audience can be amused and 'moved' at the same time!

<http://www.myspace.com/tiajuanadepthsofdespair>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBIEIR64ma0&feature=related>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy5KwZ4RA9Y&feature=related>

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VENUE
The Butterfly Club
204 Bank St
South Melbourne, Victoria 3205

DATES: 24 - 25 Sept
TIME: 5.00pm 24 Sept, 4.00pm 25 Sept (60min)

TICKETS
Full: \$22
Concession: \$18
Group: \$18
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