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bee is a new pop band with a set of sinfully catchy and rocking melodies. It is the brainchild of songwriter, singer, and multi-instrumentalist **Nicholas Markos**, who has built a significant reputation with solo records and performances, as well as his work with English chanteuse Cath Carroll (*Factory*, *Teenbeat*), Last Gentlemen (*Zoo*), and other artists. **bee** is the culmination of these experiences and features a powerful lineup: drummer Todd Sucherman (*Brian Wilson*, *Styx*), bassist Eddie Carlson (*Poi Dog Pondering*), and backing vocalist Kathy Jo Warden. Other musicians featured on the album include Mike Zelenko (*Material Issue*), Howie Kantoff (*Poster Children*), Mark Schwarz (*David Singer & the Sweet Science*), and Matthew Payne (*Hot Glue Gun*).

bee is a showcase for what Markos calls "magic pop." Not beholden to trends or formats, **bee** capitalizes on strong melodies, concentrated pop-rock arrangements, and soulful, resonant themes. The songwriting and sound have been compared to the most respected work of David Gray, Oasis, and Pete Townshend. It is music with heart that you want to blast from your car stereo.

Background: Nicholas Markos's live-performance credits include opening shows for Bob Dylan, Curve, Melissa Etheridge, Todd Rundgren, Roger McGuinn, The The, the Violent Femmes, and many others. Greg Kot of the *Chicago Tribune* calls him "one of Chicago's most promising performers," and Jim DeRogatis of the *Chicago Sun-Times* said of his most recent work, "A slave to no genre, the ridiculously prolific Nicholas Markos brings to mind a hipper underground version of David Gray . . . he could be dangerous."

Comparable Artists: Oasis, The Killers, Paul Weller.

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