



We were here for the launch of Thomas Aaron Garlow's new album, "that's the way it goes", an album inspired by a rural idiom and yet one that also contains a number of nautical and historical references, so an art environment called "Bottega" on a side street in downtown Hickory, NC, with a vibe of sweeping artistic influence, if you swept the room with your eyes really hard, was the ideal place for this incredible album to officially come to life.

Thomas has a life story that would frighten the livestock, but performs with a warmth that is both disarming and inspirational. His songs of life and times of travel feel traditional, and he augments voice and guitar with very effective use of time tested masterful story telling. Supported by an arsenal of vintage Martin guitars, Thomas plays effortlessly milking each guitar as if part of some sacred strategy! Thomas delivered highlights from the "that's the way it goes" album accompanied by two seasoned and gifted musicians, the performance was as good as the original recording!

The show ended with "Capt. Calico Jack" a song based on the life and times of the famous pirate commonly known as Calico Jack, who was an English pirate captain operating in the Bahamas and in Cuba during the early 18th century. The theme of the CD release event was based on this pirate's lore.

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