

# Oohlala

## ABOUT OOHLALA

From the heart & soul of Sydney's exploding entertainment scene, the inner west has formed Oohlala - 4 young souls with a thirsty passion for early boogie, soul music and early rock n roll. Take a pinch of Otis' Redding Rhyme, the swells of Booker T Jones Band, wash it in Muddy Waters, let it out to dry on line with the cheek, charm and haircombs of The Faces and you got yourself a blurring of rock and soul.

Branded in such a way, these guys create a rugged yet understated music that has the cockiness of a street gang but with a sentimentality that is hushed and intimate.

If there is such a thing as a gang with good intentions, Oohlala are it, bashing away at everything, raising a ruckus and ensuring a great time is had by all.

Vocalist Simon Meli possesses a parched soul throat and can often be seen leaning portentously on his straight mike stand, he seems likely to keel over at any given moment, from the agony of his soul lamentations or from the sheer giddy exuberance of the rockers.

Meanwhile, guitarist Tony Kvesic acts like he is perfectly willing to help him fall over, as long as it doesn't spill his beer or interrupt his riffing.

Bass man, Serge Coniglione is content to hem in the bottom end, arrangements whose raucous acceleration might otherwise derail before the first chorus. He is often spotted watching out for any lapses in beat like an assassin watches over their target.

Meanwhile, drummer Shane Steel O'Neill makes a modest drum set sound like overgrown child's play, a massively energetic beat party.

Oohlala are committed to two things: One another and the idea that if they stomp on their blues just right, everyone within earshot of their rollicking symphony will have an evening of unmitigated boisterous fun and damn the consequences.

Oohlala give it to you, like a hit in the heart, injecting one whole hunk of Rhythm & Blues, Sweet Soul Music.



## HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2007

Oohlala perform at The Great Escape Festival.  
6th - 8th April 2007  
[www.thegreatescape.com.au](http://www.thegreatescape.com.au)

DEC 2006

Oohlala perform at The Peat's Ridge Festival.

## UPCOMING GIGS

MAY 2007

Oohlala - Monthly residency at Ruby Rabbit every thursday in May for Rock n' Roll Mo'Fo'.

## NEW RELEASE

"OOHLALA - Chop The Mutha Down"



**TITLE:** 'Chop The Mutha Down'

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**CAT NO:** BPP0283

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Produced by OohLaLa

Executive Producers: Big Deal Inc. and Blue Pie

## TRACK LISTING

### CHOP THE MUTHA DOWN

1. Chop The Mutha Down
2. Chinese Whispers
3. Dog Gone Insane
4. Yeah People

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## SOUND BYTES

### VIDEO:

You can check out OOHLALA live by visiting the Blue Pie Lounge at [www.bluepie.com.au](http://www.bluepie.com.au)

The EP is available at all Sanity Music and HMV stores throughout Australia.

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## REVIEWS:

"Oohlala are the band and this four track EP is a sensational introduction to their raw, invigorating music. Vocalist Simon Meli is the key to the highway with a classic rock'n'soul voice topping off some high octane Hammond drenched slabs of power. The rest of the band are no slouches either with guitarist Tony Kvesic laying down some fine grooves backed abily by bassist Sergio Cogniglione and drummer Steel O'Neill they have it all - great songs and musicians, all topped off with the stratospheric vocals of Simon Meli.....As the band say Ooh La La give it to you, like a hit in the heart, injecting one whole hunk of Rhythm & Blues, Sweet Soul Music."

- Stuart A Hamilton, *Blues Matters Magazine uk*

"As its namesake suggests Oohlala, offer a remarkable reminiscence of the great soul/rock bands of the 60's and 70's such as The Faces. Their individual musicianship is flawless, but combined, it creates the ultimate good time with infectious grooves and unmistakable licks. It reflects a time when rock music was a party and not an excuse for blaming your parents for some bullshit and Oohlala dares you to stay still. Blues, soul, funk, rock...whatever the fuck you want to call it...it's old school and it's cookin' - These guys are bound for the Big Stage. Oh and Simon Meli...That boy CAN sing!"

-Denley Healy, *SHOCK RECORDS*



"Oohlala-my favourite band. And I'm not just talking on a local level here (the only thing local about this band is the fact that they live close by). Their songs, musicianship and stage presence could equal any international band that has graced Australian stages. The initial focal point of Oohlala is singer Simon Meli. He is the most charismatic singer I've witnessed in a long time. Not only does he know how to work the stage and engage the audience, he's also got the vocal goods Favourites of the set included Chop The Mutha Down, Dog Gone Insane and closing tune One Night Only. The only disappointing thing about Oohlala's set is that it had to end!"

- The Drum Media - Review June 2006

"Sydney band Oohlala - they maybe new as far as their name goes, but there's nothing musically juvenile about this ensemble. Frontman Simon Meli has more soul than the devil could ever collect. Every note and every lyric is delivered with more passion than the most tragic of Shakespeare novels. Flanked by a talented bunch of accomplished musicians, there is not one moment whilst watching their show that I ever felt the need to wander off to the bar or mingle in the crowd - the words awe inspiring and jaw dropping spring to mind. To borrow a comment from a joyous crowd member, this band is the blackest white band in Sydney. Oohlala is what The Black Crowes would have been today or what Mother Hubbard would be if they had stayed together"

- The Brag - Review June 2006



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