

# MATES OF STATE

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Mates of State is the organ and drums, vocal-laden duo of Kori Gardner and Jason Hammel. It's difficult to place MOS in a genre as the song structures are unique, often complex. At the same time there are always the pop elements of catchy melodies and loads of harmony. Even though there are only two of them, they fill up the space with the monster, bass-heavy organ, creative drumming, and constant dueling vocals. The music can be sweet. At other times it's spastic, but either way, you leave their shows with a warm feeling. Mates of State has been described by critics as unabashed joy, honesty at its best, a two piece with balls, and a band that you must see live.

To coincide with their second European tour a tour CD EP with some special tracks, including their much talked about and much loved version of Jackson Browne's "These Days", will be released.

## Track listing

1. Introduction (by Jason Smith)
2. The Open Book (demo version)
3. These Days
4. A Duel Will Settle This (live)
5. Clean Out (live)

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Kori Gardner: organ, piano, vocals  
Jason Hammel: drums, vocals

A demo version of "The Open Book", a song from the forthcoming album ("Team Boo"), shows that Mates of State continues to evolve. And to top it off, two live recordings, including a recording of "A Duel Will Settle This" from Café du Nord in San Francisco from their show with only piano and drums (plus Wyatt from Aislars Set and Track Star fame supporting on bass).

Be sure to catch them live on their European tour. You will not regret it!

## Discography

- "Team Boo" LP/CD (Polyvinyl Records, 2003)
- "These Days" (split with Dear Nora) 7" (Polyvinyl Records, 2003)
- "Our Constant Concern" LP/CD (Polyvinyl Records, 2002)
- "Beehive State / Über Legitimate" 7" (Snowglobe Records, 2001)
- "My Solo Project" LP/CD (Omnibus, 2000)
- "Leav Me At the Tree" (split with Fighter D) 7" (Omnibus, 1999)
- "Mates of State" 7" (Omnibus, 1998)

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