

Craig Wise Of Boggy Creek On His Band And Their Music

By **Alexander Baron** - Mar 20, 2015



10
SHARES

There is a low budget horror type film called *The Legend Of Boggy Creek*; released in 1972 it was the obvious inspiration for the name of this band. And like so many obvious things, that isn't true. The Boggy Creek in the film is in Arkansas, but there is another one, in Florida, and this one is far from a sinister place because it is the home of a special camp for kids who suffer from serious illnesses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXAokwwVffc>

The frontman of the band named after this Boggy Creek was born far away from the Florida sunshine. Craig Wise is a native of Sturgis, South Dakota nearly two thousand miles to the north-west. Craig is one of those musicians who has been unable to give up the day job. In October 2010, Boggy Creek released *Back Into The Swamp*, although the album was a long time in the making with tracks being released as far back as 2007; the project was finished in 2009, and sometime later he was contacted by some folks who

were making a low budget horror film set in the Arizona Desert. Three Boggy Creek songs appear on the soundtrack of *Seed 2: Let's Swing, The Back Of My Mind* and the eponymous *Boggy Creek*.



Of *Let's Swing*, Craig says it is “just what it sounds like, a song about finding a girl who can dance her ass off, and hookin’ up with her.”



The Back of My Mind was “a conversation I had with John Anderson about writing; he said to try to make a hook like the front of the back of my mind or something that is catchy, and I went with it and wrote the lyrics in about five minutes after talking with him.”

John Anderson is a songwriter from Florida who has achieved the kind of success of which Craig is still dreaming. As for the song *Boggy Creek*, this is what led to the name

of the band. The album title just seemed to fit in. “All the songs on the CD are about situations I’ve been in or were inspired by watching others in the bar, for example, the song *On The Outside*, I saw a young couple come in and sit in a booth, and I thought that used to be me, and another song was born that took only five minutes”. It was written on a napkin that he still carries around with him today.



Their bass player is credited R.I.P. Andy Garcia died young last year. The band’s drummer also had health problems, and had to retire. Where does Craig see himself five years from now? The short answer is playing professionally.

You can catch up with Boggy Creek on [ReverbNation](#), and on their [Facebook page](#) which includes their dates until the end of May. After that, who knows?

10
SHARES