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**Luaka Bop Announces Preacherman Reissue, *Universal Philosophy: Preacherman Plays T.J. Hustler's Greatest Hits*, Out October 12th**

**Listen To "Feel It"**



**Tim Jones** is known by several different monikers; **Preacherman**, **Midi Man** and **Ironing Board Band** to name a few. Though perhaps his most notable is the one that describes him best, **T.J. Hustler**. In 1979 as T.J. Hustler, Jones self-released one extremely rare LP, *Age Of Individualism*. In the years since, he's released two even rarer CD's as Preacherman, of which the tracks on this forthcoming reissue, *Universal Philosophy: Preacherman plays T.J. Hustler's Greatest Hits* (out **October 12th** on **Luaka Bop**), are taken.

**Stream Preacherman's "Feel It" —**

<https://youtu.be/35waZLUtbU0>

Watch *Universal Philosophy* Teaser Video —  
<https://youtu.be/S4xHRkwlWUY>

In the 1980's Jones was a technician for IBM in both Las Vegas and San Jose where he repaired Selectric Typewriters and word processors during the day. At night he would perform in the Las Vegas lounges. Thoroughly fascinated by technology and also an engineer in his own right, Jones adapted a Hammond B3 organ to play a Moog synth with some of the organ's keys (some still played the organ) and also adapted the organ's foot controlled bass levers to play two Moog synth bass pedals (a failed item Moog made for a few years). Thinking he wasn't much of a live performer, he had a custom wooden puppet made named T.J. Hustler. Together, Tim Jones/Preacherman and T.J. Hustler would perform long philosophical soliloquies.

These days Jones, ("pronounced JOANZ", says Tim), is CEO and founder of **Up Productions** and lives with his 103 year-old mother — the eldest living person in Oakland — in a stunning apartment overlooking Lake Merritt. With his Casio CTK-7200 keyboard, equipped with five wireless mics, a P.A., Jones performs karaoke, easily matching whatever song request you might have. Unfortunately, T.J. Hustler (the puppet) lives in a storage unit in Las Vegas, Nevada, along with the modified organ.



(Photo credit: Eric Welles-Nystrom)

Perhaps even more so than his first album, *Universal Philosophy* grants listeners access, virtually for the very first time, to Jones' outlook, his purpose, and the way he lives and experiences life on this planet. The music presented here is otherworldly, homespun, folk art funk; concise and stream-of-consciousness simultaneously.

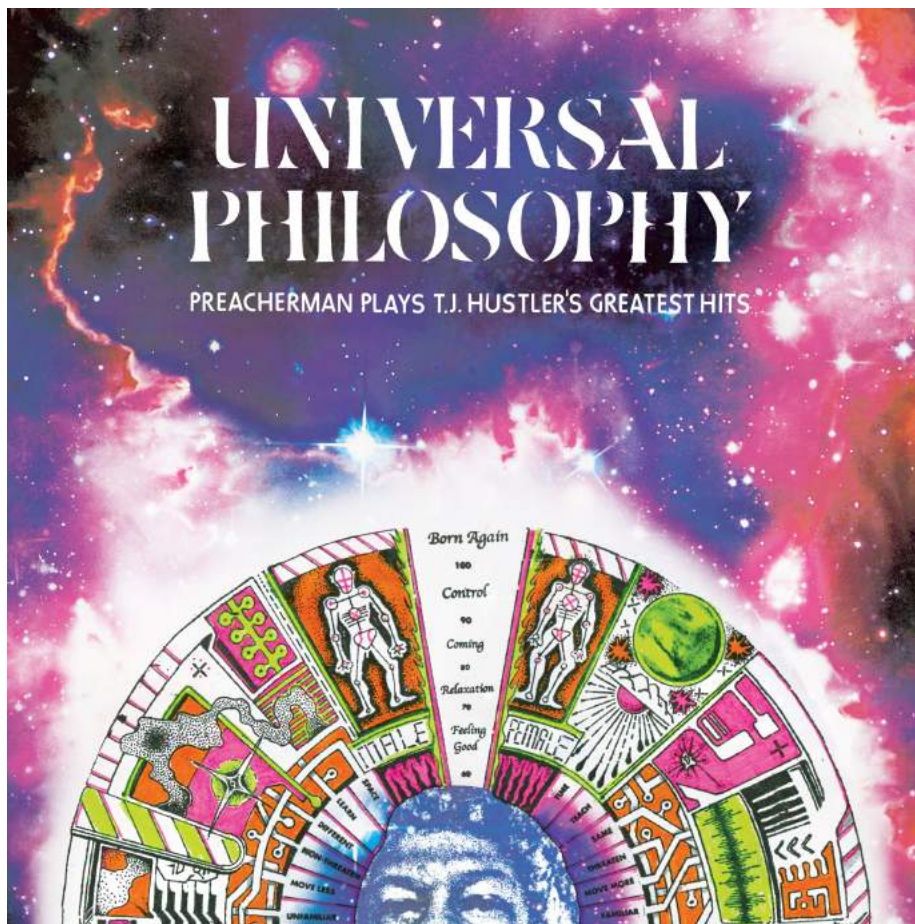
*Universal Philosophy* will be released on vinyl (with gatefold jacket), CD and digital.

***Universal Philosophy: Preacherman Plays T.J. Hustler's Greatest Hits* Tracklist:**

01. That's Good
02. Feel It
03. Tell Me Why
04. Out Of This World
05. Age Of Individualism
06. Up And Down
07. The Wrong Way (CD Version Only)

**Pre-order *Universal Philosophy: Preacherman Plays T.J. Hustler's Greatest Hits* —**  
<https://luakabop.lnk.to/Preacherman>

**Download album art & hi-res images of Preacherman —**  
<http://pitchperfectpr.com/preacherman/>



*(Universal Philosophy: Preacherman Plays T.J. Hustler's Greatest Hits album art by Kevin Harris)*

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