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**THE BRETON SOUND RELEASE NEW SINGLE, “ILLUMINATE,”
FROM THEIR FORTHCOMING EP,
*DON'T BE AFRAID OF ROCK & ROLL VOLUME 1***

Los Angeles, CA, Thursday, April 2, 2015 – New Orleans-based rock band **The Breton Sound** have released their new single, “**Illuminate**,” in two ways, first with a stream premiere with PerformerMag.com, and second, as a lyric video premiere with ArtistDirect.com. The track is the first released from the band’s forthcoming EP, *Don’t Be Afraid of Rock & Roll Volume 1*, available **May 19**.

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The band’s vocalist and guitarist, **Jonathan Pretus** (formerly of Cowboy Mouth), told antiMusic.com, “The lyric of the song is about feeling trapped, frustrated, and beat down where you are, and looking to that person next to you that you love and saying “wouldn’t it be great to just run away and get the hell out of here together?” There’s a real tension in the verses musically, especially in the 2nd verse where the drums, bass and guitar lock in a driving, pushing groove, and then as it gets to the chorus (the escape), the playing opens up, it’s a really neat movement we put together that we’re really proud of. This was the first song we did for this EP, and the first thing we recorded in Studio A at Ardent. It’s the room where all the Big Star records were done, which are some of my favorite albums. I actually ended up using the old Hi Watt amp and cabinet that was used on “Radio City” and “Third”, which was a thrill in and of itself, but it’s one of the best sounding guitar tones I’ve ever had. That room has an amazing vibe and sound, and we tracked live in there, so the energy really comes out in the recording. It’s one of the best things we’ve ever done, and we’re so proud of how it came out.”

“**Illuminate**” is the first track of their five-song EP, *Don’t Be Afraid of Rock & Roll Volume 1*, produced by **Tom Drummond of Better than Ezra**, who produced their last two EP’s, *MAPS* and *Eudaemonia*. For *Volume 1*, the band traveled around the South, recording songs in famed studios such as Ardent Studios in Memphis,

Tennessee, FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, Zac Brown's Southern Ground in Atlanta, Georgia, and The Music Shed in New Orleans, Louisiana. *Volume 1* is the first of two EP's that will be released, completing the full-length *Don't Be Afraid of Rock & Roll* album, which will only be available on vinyl, later this year.

The Breton Sound has been taking the NOLA scene by force with their energetic, melodic, and anthemic rock and roll. Musically, they have varied influences, from Weezer to Van Halen, The Descendants to Dredg and Oasis to Foo Fighters; however, The Breton Sound's sound has grown into a focused brand of rock that is just as musically impressive as it is restrained.

The band is currently recording the *Volume 2* EP and gearing up to hit the road mid-April through early June. For the latest news, tour dates, and information about the new album, please visit www.thebretonsound.com.

The Breton Sound is vocalist and guitarist Jonathan Pretus, lead guitarist Stephen Turner, drummer John Bourgeois, and his twin brother, bassist Joe Bourgeois.

***Don't Be Afraid of Rock & Roll* EP Volume 1 Track Listing:**



1. Rivers Cuomo
2. [Illuminate](#)
3. Walking Backwards
4. Love You More
5. Stitches

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