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Tragicomic

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full-throated **rock power** via **Magic Door Record Label**

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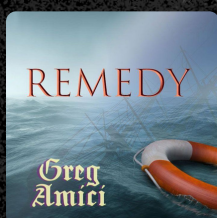
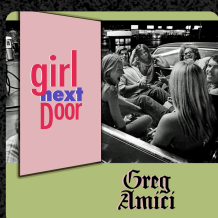
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New Jersey artist **Greg Amici** presents his new album, **Tragicomic**, a storied set of 12 songs released by Montclair-based indie imprint **Magic Door Record Label**. This record offers a blend of absurdist-rock, ska, Americana, folk-punk and straight-up classic rock, with a clear-eyed view of the world through Amici's unique lens. Greg's lyrics often offer an unexpected turn of phrase, delivered with full-throated rock power.

With roots firmly planted in Jersey, his creative journey has taken him from the heart of Manhattan to Los Angeles and back again. In the late '90s, Greg formed **Big Honey**, a NYC-based band whose rise peaked with an appearance at the CMJ Music Festival but paused indefinitely when a vocal polyp sidelined Greg for years. Despite this setback, he didn't let his distinctive voice and songwriting abilities go to waste, returning to the studio after a 16-year hiatus.

Reuniting with producer **James Mastro** (The Bongos, Mott the Hoople, Ian Hunter) and engineer / drummer **Ray Ketchem** (Guided by Voices, Elk City, Gramercy Arms, Luna) at **Magic Door Studio** in Montclair, the creative process inevitably led to an array of upbeat satires ("**Cynthia, Come to Me**", "**No Fool**") and ominous ballads ("**Junky Eyes**", "**In Like a Lion**"). The resultant *Tragicomic* album was mastered by award-winning engineer **Greg Calbi** (John Lennon, David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen, Talking Heads, Patti Smith, Tom Petty).

"When we first started recording, I told Jim Mastro I felt a vibe with Patti Smith's 'Waves' album. Ironically, her bassist and collaborator, Tony Shanahan, wound up playing on most of the cuts. That said, I kind of just trusted Jim's instincts in whatever direction he took them. For the more comic songs, like "Cynthia, Come to Me" and "Tom Seaver," I wanted a carnivalesque sound, and Jim got that on keyboards and guitar synths," says **Greg Amici**.

The ***Tragicomic*** album also features former Amici bandmates **Joe Gentile (Big Honey)** and **Tommy Aboussleman (Electric TNT)**, along with special guests **Tony Shanahan (Patti Smith Band)** and **Renee LoBue (Elk City)** contributing to the recording. Whether it's a "serial killer romance" or a "biting satire," Greg Amici knows how to make it rock!



Greg found his calling as a musician in high school, inspired by local bands, including his childhood friend **Matt Pinfield's** band, Thunderhead. Picking up the guitar in his late teens, he founded his first band, **The Clergy**, and later teamed up with guitarist Michael Artenstein to form the '80s alt-rock band **Junk**.

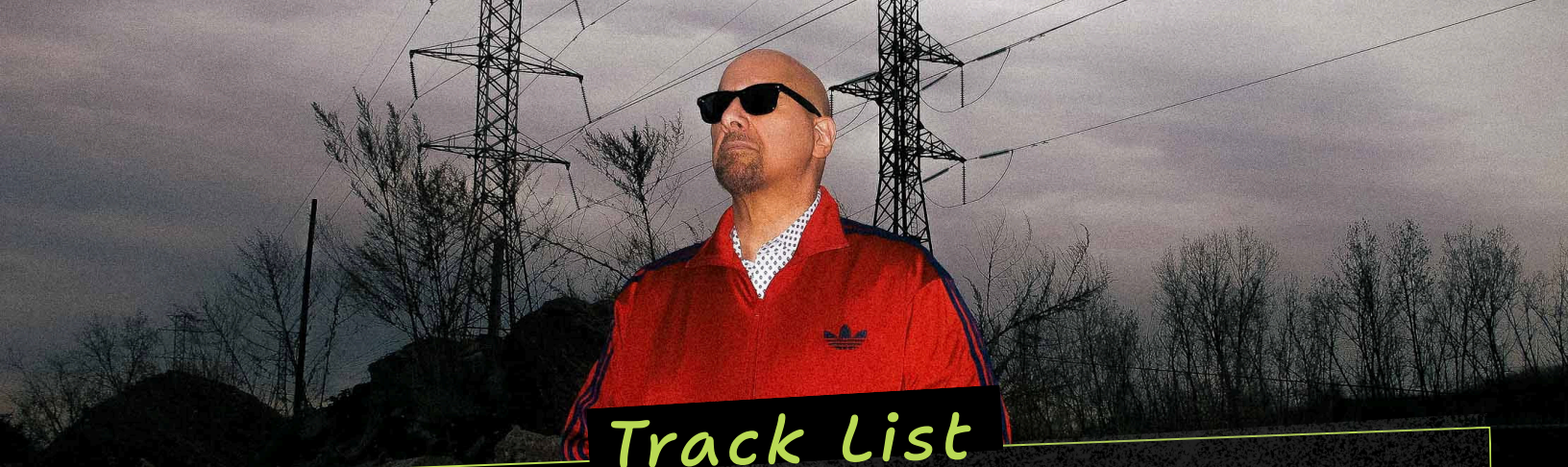
Tragicomic is available from fine online music platforms, including [Apple Music](#), [Spotify](#) and [Bandcamp](#). The double-gatefold limited-edition vinyl LP Includes lyrics and liner notes. The CD comes with a CD wallet and includes a 16-page booklet with lyrics and liner notes.

Amici's next album, ***Songs for the Lads to Sing***, slated for the end of this year, chronicles decades of songwriting, with characters ranging from teenagers to 30-somethings. He will be supporting this album with a series of live performances to be announced soon.



Credits

- All songs written by Greg Amici, except "Jennifer," by Bert Sommer
- Greg Amici - lead & backing vocals
- James Mastro - guitars, piano, bass, sax, mandolin
- Ray Ketchem - drums, percussion
- Tony Shanahan - bass
- Joe Gentile - backing vocals, acoustic guitar
- Renée LoBue - backing vocals
- Tommy Aboussleman - guitars
- Chris Robertson - guitars
- Produced by James Mastro
- Recorded & mixed by Ray Ketchem at Magic Door Recording in Montclair, NJ
- Mastered by Greg Calbi at Sterling Sound
- Art direction, design & photography by Mark Jaworski
- Released by Magic Door Record Label
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Track List

- 01 Pumpkin Man
- 02 Spin That Ball
- 03 Cynthia, Come to Me
- 04 Girl Next Door
- 05 Remedy
- 06 Junky Eyes
- 07 Greenwood
- 08 In Like a Lion
- 09 No Fool
- 10 Tom Seaver
- 11 Jennifer
- 12 I'll Be Back

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