

# Tom Dyer & The True Olympians

# OLYMPIA A True Story

"Olympia: A True Story," a 40-song, 47 track, 3-CD album with 80-page book, is a loving ode to Olympia, Washington. It tells the story of Olympia going back 2 million years, with over 100 guest Olympia musicians. Recorded over 4 years thru the pandemic, it is Tom Dyer's usual heady brew of eclecticism writ large. It is monumental.

Dyer: This is the tale of the greater Olympia area told through the lens of a third-generation Olympian who left town after graduating from Olympia HS in 1971 and who finally returned in 2016.

The oldest song on the album is "Olympia, My Home," written in late October 2018, a couple months after The True Olympians released our first album, *12 New Recordings*.

When I moved back to Olympia in 2016, I was most impressed by the *Sylvester's Window* collection at the downtown Olympia Library, a series of eight Olympia cityscapes ranging from 1841 to 2001. These drawings really got me thinking about Olympia on some sort of time continuum in a way I probably hadn't before.

I was at least partially inspired by David Scherer Water's entertaining little *Olympia* book, first encountered in the spring of 2017, where I first learned about things like Bordeaux and the 1959 downtown train station crash. I grew up here and had never heard of either.

We tracked our first five songs for the album in August, 2019.

Three years, three drummers, three Tom Dyer solo albums, and a True Olympians Christmas album later, it is done.

This is not any sort of complete history; it is a collection of sonic sketches reflecting my particular take on the many-headed beast that is Olympia. We hope our little entertainment will inspire people to dig deeper into the story of our hometown.

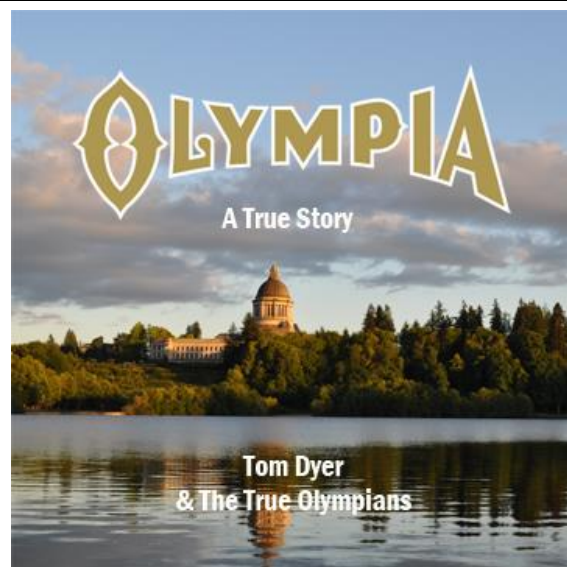
I'd like to give a giant thank you to all the Olympia musicians who donated their time and skills to this undertaking - on their behalf, we will be donating a portion of our proceeds to the not-for-profit Olympia Arts and Heritage Alliance.

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1. Land Acknowledgement
2. It's The Capital
3. The Land and The Water
4. People of The Water
5. The Founding
6. Bordeaux
7. Little Hollywood
8. Beer Town
9. Joseph Wohleb, Architect
10. Mima Mounds
11. Mothballs and Mosquitos
12. Mill Town
13. It's Mud
14. Let's Have A Parade!
15. Grama Caught The Shark
16. Billy Frank Jr.
17. Tumwater Destroyed!
18. The Evergreen Ballroom
19. Everybody Needs a Home
20. Runaway Train
21. Olympia Oysters
22. Margaret McKenny
23. The Null Set
24. William Winlock Miller
25. Jazz in Olympia
26. A Deadly Wind
27. A Bucketful of Weird
28. I'm An Oly Bear
29. It's Still Pretty White
30. Clammin'
31. Arts Walk
32. Satan Made Him Do It
33. Gronk! (Dinosaur)
34. Death At Mounts Road II
35. Pug-Sound Flatland Blues
36. Love Rock Revolution
37. Rachel Corrie
38. Lacey's Now the Biggest
39. Let It Rain
40. Olympia My Home

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