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***DELICIOUS MOMENTS* MARKS ALBUM DEBUT FOR LOS ANGELES JUG BAND SAUSAGE GRINDER**

Sausage Grinder, Los Angeles' premier jug band, has just released its debut CD, *Delicious Moments*. The six-piece acoustic ensemble — fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, washboard and jug — combines the neo-traditional sound of bands like the Carolina Chocolate Drops and the Cheap Suit Serenaders with the low-down sound of old-time blues, topped off with a touch of ragtime and hillbilly jazz. *Delicious Moments* features fiddle tunes, hot mandolin ragtime and songs from Memphis Minnie, the Lone Star Cowboys, Little Brother Montgomery, Sleepy John Estes, Banjo Ikey Robinson and more.

Sausage Grinder was formed in 2008 out of a desire to play this classic music “right” without being slavish imitators or academic lecturers. As old-time and blues fiddler Adam Tanner puts it, Sausage Grinder’s “reverence to the old 78s hasn’t restrained them from exploring even grimmer nooks and crannies ... unrestrained and impolite the Grinder’s performances are visceral and joyous — a blast from the past with a nod to the immediacy of the future!” Or as LA Weekly says succinctly, the band’s performance feels “reminiscent of an old Mickey Mouse cartoon.”

The members of Sausage Grinder: Chris Berry, guitar/banjo/vocals; David Bragger, fiddle/mandolin/guitar; Josh “Boy Baby” Orkin, jug/kazoo/whistle/guitar; Matt Orkin, mandolin; Bobby Reed, banjo/harmonica/vocals; Margie Royall, washboard/banjo-ukulele/vocals.

Sausage Grinder has headlined at the Topanga Banjo and Fiddle Contest, the Goleta Old-Time Fiddlers’ Convention, and the Los Angeles Old Time Social, and has performed throughout Southern California with artists including Frank Fairfield and Triple Chicken Foot. In 2006, David and Chris performed on *Cold as the Clay*, a solo album of traditional and original material from Bad Religion frontman Greg Graffin; Greg makes a special guest appearance on *Delicious Moments*, singing harmony on “Deep Ellum Blues.”

Delicious Moments is available at CDBaby, www.cdbaby.com/cd/SausageGrinder.

For more about the band including upcoming shows, photos, audio, and video, visit www.sausagegrindermusic.com. Fans can also keep up to date with the band on Facebook and MySpace.