

## **RON SCALZO ROCKS OUT AGAIN WITH RELEASE OF 2<sup>ND</sup> SOLO ALBUM**

Brooklyn singer/songwriter Ron Scalzo returns to the stage at NYC's Rockwood Music Hall on November 16th to perform songs from his brand new solo album, ***I Gotta Rock***, for the first time.

The former vocalist/frontman of New Jersey progressive rock band Return To Earth (with influential drummer Chris Pennie) and long-running electro-rock project Q\*Ball (with guitarist Ron "Bumblefoot" Thal") continues his musical comeback after losing his house and his independent record label (and all his vinyl records!) during Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

"It's crazy how much can change in 5 years," says Scalzo, who, rather than rebuild the label, chose to reinvent himself as a piano player and a songwriter. Scalzo traveled to studios in Seattle, Portland, Denver and Tucson and worked with local musicians in each city, culminating in the release of his first-ever solo album in 2014, followed by a 4-song EP in 2015.

"Miraculously, the piano survived the storm...one of the few things that did...and so I saw that as a sign to make that the centerpiece of my music, moving forward." In 2016, Scalzo recorded two new songs in Berlin, Germany, then performed live for the first time in over 5 years, with a full band in tow, his new style reminiscent of acts like Faith No More, Billy Joel, Queen and Ben Folds.

With the release of ***I Gotta Rock*** in 2017, Scalzo ups the ante with a more ambitious, polished rock opera about destiny, passion, and the dogged pursuit of love. ***I Gotta Rock*** is out on iTunes, Spotify and Bandcamp on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Says Scalzo of his resurgence, "I'd say I've come all the way back, but that would imply that I've returned to where I was before the storm changed everything. This is not true. I'm beyond that point."

**Watch Ron Scalzo continue to grow at Rockwood Music Hall, 196 Allen Street, in NYC – Thursday, November 16 at 7pm (\$10, 21+)**

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