



# Dean Owens and the Felsons: *Cash Back (Songs I Learned From Johnny)*

Celtabily meets country, with a doff of the cap to the Man in Black

*Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter...* Irvine Welsh

**Dean Owens** is one of Scotland's most acclaimed and established singer songwriters, with fans including **Ricky Ross, Bob Harris, Irvine Welsh** and **Russell Brand**. His songs *Raining in Glasgow* and *Man From Leith* have been hailed as classics of Scottish songwriting.

In his early career Dean was the front-man of the much loved, and lauded, Scottish country rock band The Felsons, whose extensive touring included Europe, Australia and a US tour with the Mavericks. **For Edinburgh Fringe 2015, Dean is taking a brief break from promoting his new solo album to reunite with some of his Felsons bandmates for a special one-off show. Join them for a ramble through some of their favourite songs, inspired, written or covered by Johnny Cash, including a few of Dean's own songs from his critically acclaimed solo albums.**

*Cash Back (Songs I Learned from Johnny)* is based on Dean's acclaimed 2012 album of the same name. While it's very much inspired by Johnny Cash, this isn't a "tribute show" – the radar is set wider. Some of the songs were written by Cash, some were covered by him and some were inspired by listening to him. Cash has always lingered in the shadows of Dean Owens's life as an artist. After all, the Man in Black left a lasting legacy of songs which any musician could be tempted by. But it was after Johnny released his first covers packed *American Recording Sessions*, with Rick Rubin, that he truly became a touchstone for Dean. *Cash Back (Songs I Learned from Johnny)* takes a little swim in those rich oceans of song. Expect songs by Dylan, Jagger/Richards, Nick Lowe, some traditional songs, some Dean Owens originals... and some by Cash. All filtered through Dean's searingly soulful voice, with a twist of "celtabilly" rock.

*Cash Back (Songs I Learned from Johnny)* will be performed – for 1 night only - in the gorgeous setting of the converted church space at new Fringe venue **Just Festival at Central Hall**.

Dean's new album (his sixth solo CD) – *Into the Sea* – was recorded in Nashville and released in May 2015, to rave 4 and 5 star reviews and claims of "best yet". It was **Album of the Week** (BBC Radio Scotland's Iain Anderson Show) and Dean was Scotland on Sunday's **Artist of the Week**. Both singles from the album (*Valentine's Day in New York* and *Evergreen*) were **playlisted** by BBC Radio Scotland, with the album gaining airplay throughout the UK, and beyond. It has been a regular presence in the **iTunes chart** since its release. *Into the Sea* defies categorisation and has had radio play on rock, indie, Americana, country and folk shows, including **BBC Radio 2's** Mark Radcliffe's Folk Show.

This summer also sees Dean hit the road with gigs north and south of the border, including 2 nights at London's **Green Note** and the highly respected and popular **Southern Fried Americana Festival** (Perth).

**For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, MP3s, press tickets etc,** please call **Morag Neil** on **0771 288 0965** (email [info@scarybiscuits.com](mailto:info@scarybiscuits.com))

## LISTINGS

**Dean Owens and the Felsons:**

**Cash Back (Songs I Learned From Johnny)**

**Sat 15 Aug 20.30 (22.30)**

**£12**

**Just Festival at Central Hall (venue 295) 2 West Tollcross, EH3 9BP Fringe Box Office 0131 226 0000**

*Into the Sea* Tour, **Dean Owens with the Whisky Hearts Band** (except where stated "solo")

Mon 8 Jun	1.30-3.30pm	BBC Music at the Quay (Iain Anderson show), Glasgow
Thur 11 Jun	8pm	Clarks on Lindsay Street, Dundee (solo)
Fri 12 Jun	8pm	Thomas Morton Hall (Leith Festival), Edinburgh
Fri 19 Jun	8pm	Tolbooth, Stirling
Mon 29 Jun	8.30pm	The Greys, Brighton (solo)
Wed 1 & Thur 2 Jul	8pm	The Green Note, London (solo)
Fri 3 Jul		Twickenham, venue TBC (solo)
Sat 4 Jul	8pm	The Hat Club, Beaconsfield (solo)
Sat 1 Aug	2pm	Salutation Hotel, Southern Fried Festival, Perth
Sun 2 Aug		Traquair Fair, Innerleithen

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