

# Dean Owens – Acclaim for New Album + UK Tour



**Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter...** Irvine Welsh  
Celtic Americana with a rootsy pop groove and a touch of Springsteen-esque rock

**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.

His 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.

Dean was delighted to be invited to “**Whispering**” **Bob Harris's** house in Oxford recently, to record a session for the renowned **Under the Apple Tree Sessions** for **WBTv** (co-ordinated by Bob's son Miles Myerscough-Harris) which will be available online from mid-June. Other radio sessions are in the pipeline, including one for Radio 2 this summer (details to follow).

This summer sees him 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).

Armed with a searingly soulful voice, skillfully crafted stories and memorable heart-twisting melodies, Dean filters his love of Americana through a gritty yet lyrical Scottish sensibility. Dean's music draws as much from his Scottish roots, especially his home town of Leith (referenced and loved by the Proclaimers) as from his US heroes. The emotional honesty in his songs shines through as he sings about people and places, love and regrets, drawing favourable comparisons with the likes of Springsteen. He is a compelling and engaging live performer, both solo and with his Whisky Hearts band, with an innate ability to connect with any audience.

In his early career Dean was the front-man of the much loved Scottish Americana band The Felsons. His music has taken him far and wide, including Europe, USA and Australia. He has played shows and toured with the Mavericks, Steve Earle, Emmylou Harris, Joan As Policewoman, John Hiatt and Nanci Griffith, to name but a few.

***Into the Sea*** was recorded in **Nashville, Tennessee** with producer **Neilson Hubbard** and a whole host of amazing US musicians, including award winning guitarist **Will Kimbrough** and renowned singer-songwriters **Kim Richey** and **Suzy Bogguss**. It is released on London based independent label **Drumfire Records**.

**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)) or **Del Day** (Ark PR) on **07759 528006** (email [arkpr@aol.com](mailto:arkpr@aol.com))

## LISTINGS

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

Note: more dates to be announced soon

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