

# Dean Owens – Into the Sea – the voyage continues New dates, single and video



**Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter...** Irvine Welsh  
Celtic Americana with a rootsy pop groove. From Leith via Nashville

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

Armed with a searingly soulful voice, skillfully crafted stories – and memorably heart-twisting melodies, Dean is a compelling and engaging live performer, with an innate ability to connect with any audience through an emotional hurricane of stories and songs. His band, The Whisky Hearts, is a mighty all star line-up (including Jim McDermott (drums) and Brian McAlpine (keyboards)) who can rock up a storm!

Following a recent trip to Nashville, which saw him reunited on stage with award winning guitarist and long time collaborator Will Kimbrough, autumn sees him hit the road with gigs north and south of the border, including **London's Folk & Roots Festival** and **Edinburgh's Christmas** (headlining the special St Andrew's Day event).

To coincide with the live dates, he is releasing a new single – **Up On The Hill** – on **30 Oct**, alongside a spectacular new **video** with dogs, a drone and a glorious Edinburgh sunrise. The video (funded by a Kickstarter campaign) was filmed by Edinburgh's Waltzer Films, on one of the hills which inspired the song. Video link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9srN-gXF84>

Recent live sessions include an **Under the Apple Tree** session at **"Whispering" Bob Harris's** house in Oxford for **WBTv** (co-ordinated by Bob's son Miles Myerscough-Harris), BBC Radio Scotland (inc **Ricky Ross Another Country, The Janice Forsyth Show** and **Iain Anderson Show**), with a live session and chat for **Bob Harris Country** (BBC Radio 2) in the pipeline.

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", consolidating his reputation as one of the UK's outstanding singer songwriters. 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. *Into the Sea* defies genre categorisation and has had radio play on rock, indie, Americana, country and folk shows, including **BBC Radio 2's** Mark Radcliffe Folk Show.

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 and Joan As Policewoman, to name just a few. He was delighted recently to be invited to open for **Rosanne Cash** at London's Union Chapel.

**Into the Sea** was recorded in **Nashville, Tennessee** with producer **Neilson Hubbard** and a host of acclaimed US musicians, including **Will Kimbrough** and renowned singer songwriters **Kim Richey** and **Suzu Bogguss**, and released on London based independent label **Drumfire Records**.

**For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, MP3s, press tickets etc,**  
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## LISTINGS

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|                    | with The Whisky Hearts Band (except where stated "solo") |   |
| <b>Sun 25 Oct</b>  | 9pm  | <b>Old Bridge Inn, Aviemore</b> (solo)  |
| <b>Tue 3 Nov</b>   | 8pm  | <b>The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen</b>   |
| <b>Sat 7 Nov</b>   | 8pm  | <b>The Slaughtered Lamb, London</b> (solo)<br>(London Folk & Roots Festival Festival) |
| <b>Thur 12 Nov</b> | 8pm  | <b>The Glad Cafe, Glasgow</b> (Support: Martha Healy)                                 |
| <b>Sat 14 Nov</b>  | 7.30pm   | <b>Pathhead Village Hall, Pathhead</b>  |
| <b>Sun 29 Nov</b>  | 9pm  | <b>Spiegel tent, St Andrew's Sq, Edinburgh</b><br>(Edinburgh's Christmas)             |

**Up on the Hill** is released as a digital single (on Drumfire Records) on **Fri 30 Oct**

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