

Dean Owens

Summer 2016 -Tour News

+ *Into the Sea* Deluxe release



One of Scotland's best... fantastic stuff... "Whispering" Bob Harris
Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter... Irvine Welsh
Celtic Americana 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, including *Raining in Glasgow* and *Man From Leith*, have been hailed as classics of Scottish songwriting.

This summer sees him hit the road with headline shows at **SummerTyne** and **Southern Fried** festivals, opening spots for **Gretchen Peters** and **Jason Isbell**, a tour as special guest of triple Americana Music Association award winners **Danny and the Champions of the World**, in addition to his tribute to Hank Williams (*Settin' the Woods on Fire*) at Edinburgh's Queen's Hall and tour dates with his own material that take him from north east and west of Scotland to London and south of England. He'll also play a double header with fellow Scot **Yvonne Lyon** at the Famous Spiegeltent's "Before the Fringe" season in Edinburgh.

Dean's much acclaimed *Into the Sea* CD is being reissued – on 30 Sep - as a Deluxe edition which includes 4 extra tracks, all recorded in Nashville, including his recent single *Cotton Snow* (recorded with Dave Coleman). *Into the Sea* was recorded with producer **Neilson Hubbard** (at his **Mr Lemons Studio**, in Nashville, Tennessee) and a host of acclaimed US musicians, including guitarist **Will Kimbrough** and renowned singer songwriters **Kim Richey** and **Suzy Bogguss**. The lead single will be **Virginia Street**, which **Bob Harris** declared to be "a really great song" and **his favourite** from the album.

Into the Sea was released on London based independent label **Drumfire Records** in May 2015 to rave reviews, consolidating Dean's 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**. Three consecutive singles from the album (*Valentine's Day in New York*, *Evergreen* and *Up On The Hill*) were **playlisted** by BBC Radio Scotland, with the album gaining extensive airplay throughout the UK, as well as in USA and Canada. It appeared on several **Best of...** lists at the end of the year, **including #5 on the Sunday Herald Top 50**.

Into the Sea defies genre categorisation and has had radio play on rock, indie, Americana, country and folk shows. Recent live sessions include **Under the Apple Tree** 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**) as well as **Bob Harris Country** (BBC Radio 2) in December.

In other news, Dean recently returned to USA to work with Neilson Hubbard's Neighborhoods Apart Productions in *Breaking Bad* territory in Abiquiu, New Mexico on a new documentary film/album project called *Buffalo Blood* (a follow-up to the company's award winning *The Orphan Brigade: Soundtrack to a Ghost Story*) which is scheduled for release in 2017.

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)

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DEAN OWENS TOUR DATES 2016

- 23 Jul **SummerTyne Festival** (opening for Gretchen Peters)
24 Jul **SummerTyne Festival** - own show (Riverboat cruise)
26 Jul **Famous Spiegelent**, Edinburgh (with Yvonne Lyon)
28 Jul **Catstrand**, New Galloway
31 Jul **Southern Fried Festival**, Perth
Settin' the Woods on Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)
- 2 Aug **Glad Cafe**, Glasgow
Settin' the Woods on Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)
+ special guest Martha Healy
- 3 Aug **Old Bridge Inn**, Aviemore
5 Aug **Blue Lamp**, Aberdeen
6 Aug **Easdale Hall**, Easdale
22 Aug **Liquid Room**, Edinburgh (opening for Jason Isbell)
24 Aug **The Queen's Hall**, Edinburgh (Edinburgh Fringe)
Settin' the Woods on Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)
+ special guests Shetland musicians Sheila Henderson and Bryan Gear
- 3 Sep **The Convent**, Stroud
13 Sep **Fat Lil's**, Witney
- 30 Oct **The Green Note**, London
- 20 Nov **The Maze**, Nottingham
25 Nov **Drygate Brewery**, Glasgow (with The Whisky Hearts)
- 1 Dec **Clark's on Lindsay St**, Dundee
2 Dec **Tolbooth**, Stirling (with The Whisky Hearts)
12 Dec **Soundhouse at the Traverse**, Edinburgh (with The Whisky Hearts)

As Special Guest on tour with Danny & The Champions of the World

- 2 Sep **Con Club**, Lewes
4 Sep **Square Tower**, Portsmouth
6 Sep **Gullivers**, Manchester
7 Sep **Crescent**, York
8 Sep **Stereo**, Glasgow
9 Sep **Donkey**, Leicester
10 Sep **Thekla**, Bristol
11 Sep **Cornerstone**, Didcot
12 Sep **Boilerroom**, Guildford
18 Nov **The Live Room**, Saltaire

Note: Other dates TBC

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