

# Happy Christmas from Scotland's Maestro of Misery!

*Home for Christmas*

by Dean Owens and The Whisky Hearts

Released Fri 2 Dec

(Digital release on Drumfire Records)



**One of Scotland's best... fantastic stuff...** "Whispering" Bob Harris  
**Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter...** Irvine Welsh

Scottish troubadour Dean Owens has a new single coming out for Christmas. Typically, it features a catchy, earwormy chorus (that is likely to linger for days), a tinge of melancholy and feelgood bittersweet lyrics about missing home. *Home for Christmas* was recorded with Dean's Whisky Hearts band, the Christmas Kids choir, bagpipes, and the Whisky Hearts percussion group on tinsel, glasses and bottles.

A specially recorded video was made at the historic Leith Dockers Club (location for many *Trainspotting* scenes) with a host of Whisky Hearts' family and friends having a full on, heartwarming, family Christmas party. **A Fairytale of Leith Walk!** (Thanks to all who came along and partied like it was Christmas already... and apologies to any confused heads the following day, who awoke expecting it to be Boxing Day!)

VIDEO LINK - <https://youtu.be/M0Z9HJ22Asc>

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.

2016 saw him on the road throughout the UK (from Shetland to Portsmouth), and to Nashville and New Mexico, with his own headline shows including **SummerTyne** and **Southern Fried** festivals, and Edinburgh's Queen's Hall. He was invited to open shows for **Gretchen Peters** and **Jason Isbell**, and to tour as special guest of triple Americana Music Association (UK) award winners **Danny and the Champions of the World**. He played 2 showcases at the **Americana Music Association Festival** in Nashville, including the British Underground's Bootleg BBQ.

Autumn tour dates continue with London's **Green Note**, more Danny & the Champions gigs and Scottish dates with his Whisky Hearts band, including a session for **BBC Radio Scotland's Quay Sessions**. He was also recently featured on **Robert Elms Show** on **BBC Radio London**.

Dean's much acclaimed *Into the Sea* CD was reissued on 30 Sep - as a Deluxe edition which includes 4 extra tracks, all recorded in Nashville. In addition to 4 and 5 star reviews, "album of the week" and "artist of the week" listings, it received extensive airplay throughout the UK, as well as in USA and Canada, and appeared on several **Best of...** lists at the end of the year, including #5 in the **Sunday Herald Top 50**.

Dean's music 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 **Quay Sessions**, **Ricky Ross Another Country**, **The Janice Forsyth Show** and **Iain Anderson Show**) as well as **Bob Harris Country** (BBC Radio 2).

In other news, Dean recently returned to USA (in *Breaking Bad* territory in Abiquiu, New Mexico) to work with producer Neilson Hubbard's Neighborhoods Apart Productions 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*), scheduled for release in 2017.

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## Home for Christmas – credits and info

Artist            Dean Owens and The Whisky Hearts  
Title             Home for Christmas (4:44)  
Released        Fri 2 Dec  
Label             Drumfire Records  
Digital download on iTunes, Amazon etc

### MUSICIANS

**Dean Owens**            singing, strumming and whistling  
The Whisky Hearts  
**Amy Geddes**            fiddle, backing vocals  
**Brian McAlpine**        keyboards, accordion  
**Craig Ross**             guitars  
**Mike McCann**         bass guitar  
**Jim McDermott**        drum kit

**Gary West**             Scottish small pipes

**The Christmas Kids choir:** Alastair Barron, Megan Woodrow, Daisy McCormick, Lucy Henderson, Lorna Barron, Kirsty Thomson, Morgan Welsh, Georgia Henderson, Mirin Bain

Whisky Hearts Percussion group            tinsel shakers, crackers, glasses, bottles, kitchen sink

**Written and produced** by Dean Owens

**Recorded, mixed and mastered** by Garry Boyle, Slate Room Studio, Pencaitland, UK

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## DEAN OWENS TOUR DATES OCT 2016

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)  
3 Dec             **The Weem Inn**, Aberfeldy  
12 Dec            **Soundhouse at the Traverse**, Edinburgh (with The Whisky Hearts)

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

18 Nov            **The Live Room**, Saltaire

19 Nov            **Whitworth Centre**, Matlock

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