

Dean Owens & The Whisky Hearts New single – Julie’s Moon

In aid of Marie Curie

Release date: 10 Mar 2017



One of Scotland’s best troubadours... fabulous... “Whispering” Bob Harris
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Celtic Americana from Leith via Nashville: rocky, rootsy, with a touch of twang

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.

His new single – Julie’s Moon – is released (via itunes, download sites) on Fri 10 Mar to coincide with Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal. All proceeds from sales of the single will be donated to the Marie Curie charity.

In September 2014 Dean’s beloved big sister Julie finally lost her battle with cancer. She was 50. Julie was a huge supporter of her brother and his music, always encouraging him, always at his gigs. Written very shortly after her death, *Julie’s Moon* is one of Dean’s most personal songs, although it was a subject he would have preferred to avoid. But some songs insist on being written, and the final result is lyrically poignant but also characteristically musically memorable. It’s a searingly personal song, an ocean of the heart.

Dean: **“This is a song I wouldn’t have chosen to write due to the circumstances, but when it came to me I knew I had to just go with it. My sister was a big fan of my music so it seems only appropriate that she now has her own song, and I’m delighted if it can do some good in raising awareness and funds for the work of the Marie Curie charity”**

Julie’s Moon was recorded with Dean’s Whisky Hearts band (former Silencers/Simple Minds drummer Jim McDermott, trad musicians Amy Geddes and Brian McAlpine, guitarist Craig Ross and Mike McCann on bass) who recently made a memorable live appearance on BBC Radio Scotland’s Quay Sessions.

Marie Curie provide care and support for people living with any terminal illness, and their families. They have been carrying out this vital work for over 65 years – last year alone they cared for over 40,000 people across the UK. **The Great Daffodil Appeal** (GDA) is Marie Curie’s biggest annual fundraising appeal which takes place throughout March. During the month long appeal, an army of 25,000 volunteers will take to the streets across the UK – to give out daffodil pins in return for donations, raising vital funds for Marie Curie. Money raised will help Marie Curie Nurses care for people living with a terminal illness in their own homes, plus provide support for their loved ones.

A spokesperson from Marie Curie said: **“We are delighted that Dean has offered to release this beautiful song to support Marie Curie’s work”**

ARTIST: **Dean Owens & The Whisky Hearts**
TITLE: **Julie’s Moon**
WRITER: **Dean Owens**

Recording Credits:

Produced by Dean Owens; recorded, mixed and mastered by Garry Boyle, Slate Room Studio, Pencaitland

Dean Owens: vocals, acoustic guitar

The Whisky Hearts: Amy Geddes (backing vocals, fiddle), Brian McAlpine (accordion, keyboards),
Craig Ross (guitars), Jim McDermott (drums), Mike McCann (bass guitar)

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