



New Single and US Tour for Award Winning Scottish Singer Songwriter Dean Owens



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

Award winning Scottish troubadour Dean Owens is about to hit the road again for a two month tour of USA.

2019 has started well for Dean – winning **UK Song of the Year Award** at the UK Americana Music Association Awards (hosted by "Whispering" Bob Harris) for *Southern Wind* (co-written with Will Kimbrough). A second song from *Southern Wind* album, *Love Prevails*, also written with Will, has reached the finals of the Nashville based **International Songwriting Competition** (whittled down from 19,000 entries).

February saw the release (on Eel Pie Records) of **Buffalo Blood**, his collaboration with US musicians, Grammy nominated **Neilson Hubbard** (also the producer of Owens' last two studio albums), **Joshua Britt** and **Audrey Spillman** ("**An Americana supergroup for 2019**" Paul Sexton (BBC)) – a project recorded on location in the New Mexico desert, with powerful songs about displacement, immigration and the power of music to connect – which has received glowing 5 star reviews. *Buffalo Blood* had its live premiere at the prestigious Celtic Connections festival in Jan 2019.

In **USA (April/May)** he will perform a mix of shows, joining forces with various US musicians, including award winning guitarist **Will Kimbrough** (one of Emmylou Harris's Red Dirt Boys, and whose own solo album (which includes contributions from Dean) comes out on 19 Apr), adding a little Appalachian flavour with **Wild Ponies** (now based in Nashville, but originally from Virginia), and Wyoming's **The Two Tracks**. There will even be time for a special in store gig at Grimey's, Nashville – the debut US live performance of Buffalo Blood (on 16 Apr).

The tour will take him from **Florida to Chicago, Virginia, Nashville, Memphis, Louisville and Indiana to South Dakota, Wyoming and California**, and many points in between, including a return to Albino Skunk Music Festival in South Carolina, where he got a standing ovation and immediate invitation for a return visit when he performed last October.

Dean Owens is widely hailed as one of UK's finest troubadours (with fans including *Trainspotting* author Irvine Welsh and BBC's Bob Harris). In September 2017 he became the first Scottish musician to officially showcase at the prestigious Americanafest in Nashville (supported by PRS Foundation/Creative Scotland and Saltire Society) and in 2018 he undertook his first US tour (also supported by Creative Scotland) which included a headline slot at the Levitt Shell in Memphis TN, the scene Elvis Presley's his first paid gig.

While never losing his own unique Scottish identity, Dean has had a longstanding love affair with the USA since his early days as the front man of Scotland's original Americana band, the Felsons. He has recorded 4 of his 7 solo albums there, including *Southern Wind* (released Feb 2018) which received glowing, rave reviews, including 4 stars in Mojo Magazine. His music has been described as combining celtic and Americana into a unique blend of **celtic spirit, country soul**.

He also has a new single and video release to celebrate Mothers Day (**12 May, USA**). **Mother** (from his acclaimed *Southern Wind* album) was co-written with regular collaborator Nashville based **Will Kimbrough** (also) and **Danny Wilson** (of Danny and the Champions of the World/Bennett Wilson Poole).

Dean: ***My mum used to jokingly have a go at me for not having written a song about her so this started out as just a bit of fun. Every now and then my mum comes out with these sayings like 'you can't break a cracked cup'. I felt I had to get that into a song. Will and I got together on it and it was just about there, but was still missing a few words. I was considering just setting it aside for another time, but then went on tour with Danny. I was messing around with it in the dressing room one day and he said he really liked the sound of it and encouraged me to finish it.***

YouTube link – **Mother** - youtu.be/v3RbLFk7z6Q

PRESS USE ONLY – MP3 download for **Mother** - <https://soundcloud.com/scary-biscuit/mother/s-4kCw6>

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Dean Owens USA Tour Dates Spring/Summer 2019

- 6 Apr - Pensacola Food Truck Festival FL** (with Will Kimbrough) - Click [here for info](#)
- 7 Apr - The Frog Pond at Blue Moon Farm AL** - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 11 Apr - Rives Theater, Martinsville VA** (with Wild Ponies) - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 12 & 13 Apr - Albino Skunk Music Festival SC** (with Wild Ponies) - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 14 Apr - House Concert, Knoxville TN** (with Wild Ponies)
- 15 Apr – Radio Café, Nashville** (with Will Kimbrough + Wild Ponies)
- 16 Apr - Grimeys, Nashville TN** - In Store session with [Buffalo Blood](#)
- 17 Apr – Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN** (with Wild Ponies)
- 20 Apr - Black Dog House Concerts, Chicago IL** - Email [here for tickets and info](#)
- 26 & 27 Apr - Crossroads Music Festival, Seymour IN** - Click [here for info/tickets](#)
- 28 Apr - [Kentucky Home Front](#), Louisville KY**
- 10 May - Lehman House Concert, Forestville CA**
- 11 May - House Concert, San Jose CA**
- 12 May - Sleepy John at [KPIG Radio](#), San Jose CA**
- 15 May - Free Ceramics, Helena MT** (with The Two Tracks)
- 16 May - Covellite Theater, Butte MT** (with The Two Tracks)
- 17 May - WYO Theater, Sheridan WY** (with The Two Tracks)
- 18 May – Crow Peak Brewing, Spearfish SD** (with The Two Tracks)
- 19 May - Custer Beacon, Custer SD** (with The Two Tracks)

 <p>AMERICANAFESTUK WINNER UK Song Of The Year SOUTHERN WIND BY DEAN OWENS WRITTEN BY DEAN OWENS AND WILL KIMBROUGH UK AMERICANA AWARDS 2019</p> <p><i>Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer songwriter...</i> Irvine Welsh</p> <p>★★★★ <i>a little bit country, a little bit rock and soul...</i> MOJO</p> <p><i>Fabulous...</i> Bob Harris (BBC)</p>  <p>★★★★★ Americana UK</p> <p>★★★★ Scotsman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Apr Pensacola Food Truck Festival FL (with Will Kimbrough) 7 Apr Frog Pond, Blue Moon Farm Silverhill AL 11 Apr Rives Theatre Martinsville VA (with Wild Ponies) 12 & 13 Apr Albino Skunk Music Festival Greer SC (with Wild Ponies) 14 Apr House Concert Knoxville TN (with Wild Ponies) 15 Apr Radio Cafe Nashville TN (with Will Kimbrough + Wild Ponies) 16 Apr Grimeys Nashville TN In Store session with Buffalo Blood 17 Apr Crosstown Arts Memphis TN (with Wild Ponies) 20 Apr Black Dog House Concert Chicago IL 26 & 27 Apr Crossroads Music Festival, Seymour IN 28 Apr Kentucky Home Front Louisville KY 10 May Lehman House Concert Forestville CA 11 May House Concert San Jose CA 12 May Sleepy John at KPIG Radio San Jose CA 15 May Free Ceramics Helena MT (with The Two Tracks) 16 May Covellite Theater Butte MT (with The Two Tracks) 17 May WYO Theater Sheridan WY (with The Two Tracks) 18 May Crow Peak Brewing Spearfish SD (with The Two Tracks) 19 May Custer Beacon Custer SD (with The Two Tracks) 	 <p>DEAN OWENS Spring Tour 2019 USA LIVE FROM SCOTLAND</p>
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