

MICHAEL M^CCLINN

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MICHAEL MCLINN RELEASES AMBITIOUS, ELECTRONICA-TINGED SECOND ALBUM

Two years in the making, produced with assistance from members of Esben And The Witch

On Tuesday December 1st 2009, World AIDS Day, eclectic Brighton-based singer and harpist Michael McLinn releases his second album, **The Task At Hand**. The culmination of two years of writing and recording, the album broadens the scope of his previous output to include additional instruments, multi-layered vocals and a more left-field approach to production.

Produced by Daniel Copeman of Esben & The Witch – whose Rachel Davies also lends occasional backing vocals – **The Task At Hand** is a plush, sophisticated and complex personal statement from an artist whose lack of formal musical training has driven, rather than hindered, his relentless pursuit of self-expression via the characteristically individual medium of his chosen instrument.

The Task At Hand combines the warm and organic tones of strings and vocals with the glitchy, digital, clattering sounds of studio-based electronica. The result is mesmerising and otherworldly – a layered performance that sounds alternately urban, pastoral and sub-marine. It reflects his recent experiences of living in London, Portsmouth and Brighton.

Michael's debut album, **Some Strings Attached**, was released in 2007. It was described as "great, crazy and beautiful" by Radio Reverb, "contemplative, graceful and occasionally subversive" by DrunkenWerewolf, "impressive" by XYZ Magazine, "enchanting and uncompromising" by Hydragenic and "sonically adventurous" by The Stool Pigeon.

Since the release of **Some Strings Attached**, Michael has guested on releases by Kate Walsh (Sony Records) and Nick Hudson (Kiddiepunk Records) and contributed four tracks to Amnesty International's 'Tracks For Amnesty' initiative. He has also been commissioned by Floetics (a Brighton-based poetry/performance night) to write a song for its second birthday advert.

The Task At Hand will be available by mail order, with payment via PayPal, from Michael's MySpace page (www.myspace.com/michaelmclinn). It can also be purchased at selected outlets in Brighton, including the Red Rooster cafe, where the album will be played regularly and a range of press shots associated with each song will be displayed.

Scratch the surface of Michael's cool, calm exterior and you'll find a flamboyant, anti-authoritarian extrovert lurking beneath. He wants to be a pop star, but he's a punk at heart. His harp has a name and he calls his songs "the boys". He's one of British music's originals and the release of **The Task At Hand** should delight both those who already know his work and those new to it.

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Track listing

1. Keeping Luff
2. Little Gun
3. Watch This Space
4. Nothing Hurts
5. Just Be Right On
6. Going Away
7. Rock And Roll
8. This Little House

Press shots & artwork

Available from Michael's MySpace profile. Press shots are in the "My Photos" gallery. The album artwork for **The Task At Hand** can be found in the "Physical Attractions" gallery.

Upcoming performances

- 14 January 2010 – The Globe, Brighton