

THE WONDERFUL LIVES

The Human Heart Will Take Your Life

Piano, cello, pedal steel guitar, bass and drums collide in an epic storm of folk-shanties, grimy rock dirges and bittersweet dark country tales.

Recorded in Sydney, Australia, over the winter of 2011 this album perfectly captures The Wonderful Lives' alternative folk rock sound and unusual instrument combination. A collection of unique compositions, varying in style, emotion and intensity, take the listener on a ride from love to hate, life to death and heaven to hell. Inspired by such visionaries as Nick Cave, Tom Waits, Leonard Cohen and PJ Harvey, these songs possess an insight into the human condition, revealing our failings and flaws, our ability to love and at the same time, destroy.

This album is intended for audiences that value music with depth, originality and raw emotion.

Track Listing (*key tracks)

01 100 Ways

02 The Human Heart Will Take Your Life

03 *Old Man Ocean – *An immediately catchy, piano driven, fast paced shanty style folk song guaranteed to be a drunken crowd favourite.*

04 *Way Out to Sea – *A sad and sweet acoustic ballad with an emotional and gutsy chorus. A favourite track of the band.*

05 *Dirty Bride – *An epic, powerful yet sordid tale of one woman's attempt to free herself from the institution of marriage, wrapped up in rolling pianos, grinding cellos and an explosive finale.*

06 Put Down Your Hands

07 *Mary Lou – *Unrelenting, punishing guitars and pulsating tribal drumming produce a blistering wall of noise, all in the name of Mary Lou. (note: contains mild 'explicit' language)*

08 For All the Believers Who Pray

09 They Were Waiting for Me

10 Blood of an Englishman

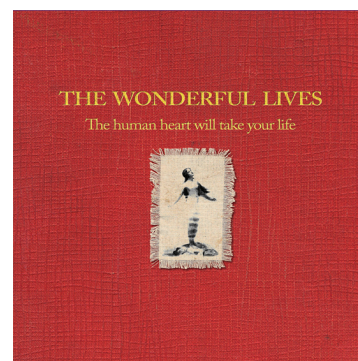
"The theatrically bent and delightful technicality make me want to listen to your music more and more, it's enticing!"

"It's rare and refreshing to hear a band producing music with such dimension. Songs that aren't formulated for easy pop digestion"

"..a sophisticated orchestral frenzy intertwined with bitter sweet interludes."

Background:

In a tiny apartment in the north of Tokyo, sweltering in the brutal humidity of a Japanese summer, a feverish man tossed aside his ineffective medication, sat down at a small piano, and started to write some songs. On his return to Sydney in 2008, the songs reached the ears of four other musicians who were drawn to the depth, originality and raw emotion of the music. The Wonderful Lives were born. This exciting new collaboration sparked a creative surge for the members of the band, and the songs quickly began to take shape and multiply. They worked tirelessly in assembling a range of unique compositions, varying in style, emotion and intensity and set out to share their work with audiences that craved music possessing the very same traits that drew the musicians together in the first place.



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The Wonderful Lives are:

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Vocals, piano, guitar, harmonica

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Cello, guitar, backing vocals, accordion

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Drums, percussion, melodica, guitar

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Bass

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