

The Michael Armstrong Newsletter



DECEMBER 2017

An Introduction From Michael



So....this is Christmas! And what have you done, eh? Another year over, a new one soon to begin. Have you got family coming over, and do you have the room to spare inside? Are you hanging up your stocking on the wall, and hoping the snow will start to fall? Will Sinatra be swinging, and drunkards all singing? Will you let in light and banish shade, whilst top to toe in tailbacks? I'll sign my name in the rooftop in the snow, and wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAS IT REALLY BEEN A YEAR?

I guess it must have been...For those of you who have only joined the VIP mailing list during 2017 you may not be aware that last Christmas, not only did I give you my heart, but I also recorded and released a very special Christmas song of my own, in conjunction with Liverpool's famous Cavern Club who were celebrating their 60th Birthday. As it's December it must be time to give it another airing, so here is the fabulous video I made to accompany the track.



https://youtu.be/nyasK_2BQJQ



For those of you who were already aware of this track, please be warned that it is my prerogative to wheel it out EVERY December from now until the end of time and milk it for all it is worth. That is what Christmas songs are for and I make no apology. I hope that one day, upon just hearing those chiming bells in the introduction you will want to claw your own ears off and weep. I hope that one day you will walk into Marks & Spencers, catch wind of my dulcet drone, and walk straight back out again. I hope that one day you can't switch on the radio in December for fear of that LITTLE GIRL!!!! I hope that one day, please God, one day....that it will pay off my credit card bill. NOTE: There are still a very very few limited

edition CD singles of this track available from the following place:

http://www.leosden.co.uk/shop/product.php?id_product=1391

FESTIVE SONGS FROM THE HUT

I stated in last month's newsletter that we were going to do something a little different this month to get us all in the festive mood and asked you to send in your choice of a Christmas song for me to perform from the hut. First to write in was super fan Stan Alacus and he requested.....



<https://youtu.be/AOkOfnQx4VQ>

We'll revert back to any songs you like in 2018 so get your suggestions in early by writing to - LDPromos@aol.com

Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence



Episode VIII is rather fitting for this month's newsletter as although it isn't a Christmas song, it IS a track made famous by the King of Christmas songs...our very own Sir Cliff Richard! Once again I am only armed with a 3/4 size guitar that won't stay in tune, but I did my very best nonetheless, standing just a few yards away from the kindly Christian's very own Algarvian vineyard.

<https://youtu.be/oGwZoYsYD9Y>

The Stories Behind The Songs

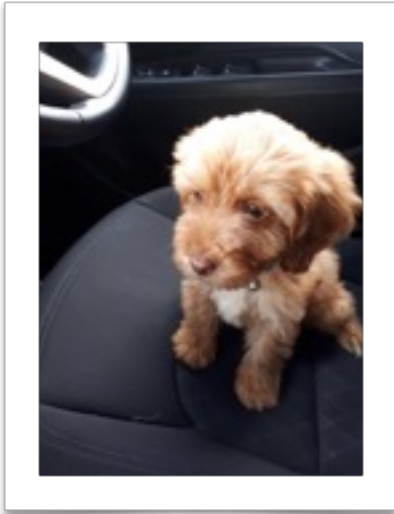
'Iris' is the eighth track from my debut album 'Michael Armstrong' and is the oldest song to feature on it. I was just a teenager when I penned it and it has perhaps the most interesting back story of the all. Find out all about it...

The story behind 'IRIS'.

<https://youtu.be/hFYrFdrpOU>



NEWS



1) Those of you who read last month's newsletter would have seen that it was my Dad's 70th Birthday. Those of you who follow me on Facebook would have seen what we got him. Introducing the pesky puppy Noodles. We've all fallen head over heels in love with him despite his gifts to the brand new carpet.

2) November also saw my 21st Birthday again, and I would like to take this opportunity to ask what happened to my gifts? I appreciate that Brexit has thrown up some uncertainty, and that we are living in a time of austerity, but frankly that's no excuse. I can only assume you're saving up for something extra special to send me for next year's 21st Birthday! Facebook messages and wishes of a great day are wonderful and very welcome...but they don't take them in Sainsbury's.



3) We did some work with my old bandmates T'Pau last month as they were celebrating 30 years since their seminal 1980's balled 'China In Your Hand' hit the number one spot and stayed there seemingly forever. Here's my first crush Carol Decker doing her TV thing. Being with her reminded me of how they pulled a trick on me on the last night of our 2016 tour and all stopped playing to have me blurt

out solo 'I'M A WOMAM NOW'. Worth another look methinks: -

https://youtu.be/l5pCBhXVW_E

MIKE WITH A STAR



Still getting numerous repeats on Vintage TV is the session I did last year (worth keeping an eye out if you haven't seen it). The evening was presented by Level 42 bass player extraordinaire Mark King. A lovely guy, who I got on very well with.

FAN LETTERS & PICS



Steve and Esra Joyce are a lovely couple who I've had the pleasure of meeting at various gigs. If you follow me on social media, or via this newsletter regularly you will know that I have met and continue to meet a lot of very famous faces. HOWEVER...no one can match the star studded lives of Steve

& Esra! They go to more concerts than the Rolling Stones and Dylan put together. They have come to face to face with more dignitaries than Her Majesty The Queen. Singers, musicians, actors, whatever...Steve & Esra know them all personally. And so it was the pleasure of Dr Brian May to meet Mr Steve Joyce.

END OF YEAR DEDICATIONS

Time to be serious for a moment. I hope you all 'get' my warped sense of humour and I don't cause offence. I'd like to think I make one or two of you even smile once a month. We live in testing times and music should be there to help us all through it. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for taking the time to sign up, to read, to buy my music, to listen to it and to enjoy it. That is all anyone who writes, or is creative in any way can ask for...an audience. 2018 is going to be a big year for me. The 2nd album is finished and now we just need to tie up all the legal bits and loose ends and we'll be ready to let you have it, although this may take several months I'm afraid. I honestly cannot wait for you to hear it. I believe we've made something very special indeed. Have a fabulous Christmas. I wish happiness, health, wealth and love to you and all your families. See you on the other side....



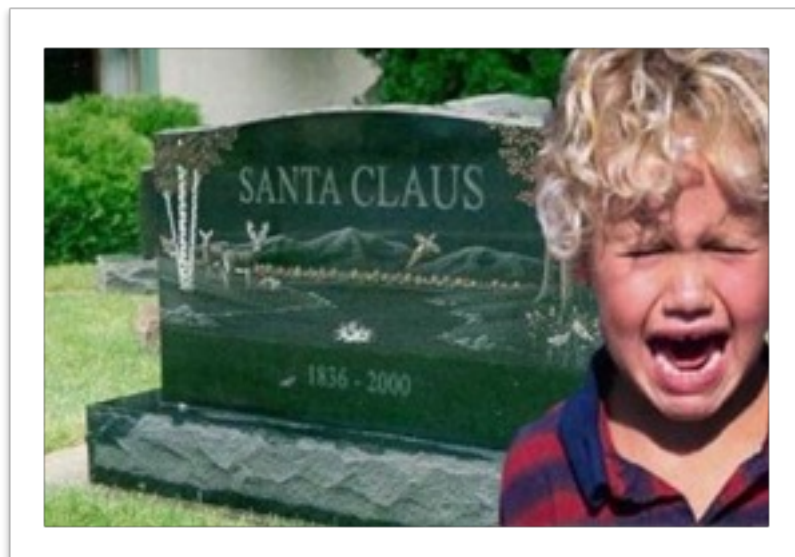
Michael x

ps....Looking for a gift for your loved ones? Look no further! Buy the AMAZING debut album now!!!

<http://tinyurl.com/lprn474>

OR HERE: -

<http://www.michaelarmstrongmusic.co.uk/shop.html>



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<https://itun.es/gb/xGgR6>

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