

# The Michael Armstrong Newsletter



## DECEMBER



### An Introduction from Michael...

Ho-ho-ho! Yuletide greetings y'all. I hope you had a fantastic Christmas and ate, drank and spent far too much! I know I did. I'm just back from a very nice break with my family whom I don't get to spend nearly enough time with, which made it all the more special. For the first time ever on Christmas day I went swimming. Madness! It's just not British...but fun though. 2016 has been quite an amazing year for me, with constant touring for close to nine months, then back into the studio and of course that Christmas song! 2017 promises to be even greater. The new album 'Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence' is taking shape nicely and in my own humble opinion is ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT! I cannot wait for you guys to hear it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your incredible support and friendship over the last 12 months - it really does mean the world to me. I hope and wish you all a very special and happy New Year. Let's party!

### \*\*\*EXCLUSIVE\*\*\*

On 15th December I was invited by Yamaha London Music to headline their final 'Soho-ho' session at the London HQ. Lots of you came along and we had a fun evening. For those that couldn't make the gig, I performed this impromptu version of the Slade festive classic 'Merry Christmas Everyone'. Here it is, with mistakes and all!

<https://youtu.be/5J6xE8oZEM4>

## LATEST NEWS

1) Loads of you wrote in to the BBC Radio 2 Clare Balding show when I was interviewed on 4th December. When I arrived at the show at the ungodly hour of 7.20am on a Sunday they said they had been overwhelmed with messages. Well done you lot! That's exactly what we need. Some of you were even read out on air. Fame at last eh? Here's the audio clip if you missed it.

<https://goo.gl/qVPaG3>

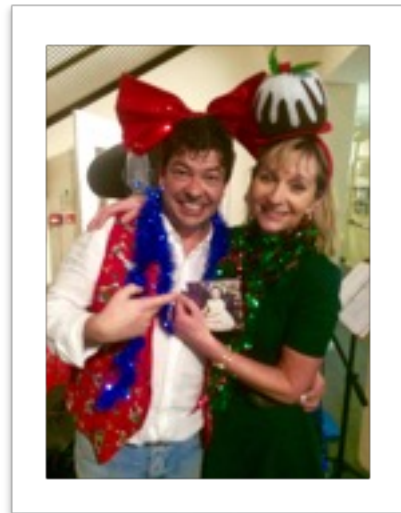


2) As well as the Radio 2 interview above I was a very very busy boy during December. I was interviewed on over 30 radio stations, travelled hundreds of miles and told the same story over and over again and again. By the time I did this interview (link below) on London Live TV I thought I had perfected my patter...Imagine how shocked I was to find that although they had used my voice and my song, they had replaced me with someone who was 2 stone heavier and nowhere

near as good looking! Damn you widescreen, ultra HD TV! (Apologies for the poor quality - this is a video of someone watching the show on TV).

[https://youtu.be/PnbK\\_Kw6SXc](https://youtu.be/PnbK_Kw6SXc)

3) Each December, for the last five years, I have joined Lisa Davies and other members of the covers band Atlantis, to perform a series of shows at Retirement Homes across the South West. It's a tradition that I have come to look forward to and love. They are the most attentive and appreciative audiences I have had the pleasure to perform to. We all sing along to classic Christmas carols and



the like and sometimes it can be quite emotional. This year a 93 year old gentlemen got up to join us on his harmonica. A moment to lighten anyones heavy heart...

<https://youtu.be/sFBI0UTR3HY>

4) My personal Facebook page is now completely full. If you haven't already liked the Music Page then please do -

<https://www.facebook.com/MichaelArmstrongMusic/?fref=ts>

This is where we'll be posting all the future information on shows and related musical topics as opposed to my personal one where I'll just be posting pictures of my dinner, family and pets!



On this same subject and I am very flattered and honoured to discover that I now also have an independent 'Fan Group'. Andy Whitaker, along with his wife Diane and a handful of other great people (you know who you are) have been with me from the very start. Always supportive, spreading the word and turning out for shows, they are the foundations of my musical journey. If you would like to join this FaceBook fan group the name is

'The Michael Armstrong Fans Group'. I am told that there are lots of great pictures and discussions on here although I haven't actually signed up myself because I thought that would be far too vain...even for me!

5) The lovely Carol Decker of T'Pau sent me this picture just ahead of Christmas with the caption "Nice shot of you Mike...you look great from the back!". I love Carol.



6) **SAVE THE DATE!!!** The 2nd annual LISAFEST will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August 2017 - British weather depending. Further details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

## **DON'T GET LEFT OUT!!!**

**YOU CAN STILL BE A BIG PART OF THE NEW ALBUM  
BY JOINING IN HERE...**



<http://pmusic.co/rwMPWw>

## **COMPETITION TIME!!**

Another great response for last months competition and a lot of correct answers (for once)! The afore-mentioned Andy Whitaker was quickest on the draw, blasting all opponents into the dusty saloons of doom. For those that missed it...

QUESTION...Which instrument featured on my new Christmas single was invented by a Belgian, and what was his name?

ANDY WHITAKER...The competition answer is: The Saxophone, invented by Antoine-Joseph Sax in the 1800s.



Well done Andy. Antoine (known as Adolphe Sax) was indeed the right answer. Goodies are on their way to you!

This month, as it's Christmas, I'm going to do things slightly differently. A Michael Armstrong Goody Bag will make it's way to the top three people who tell me...

### **DECEMBER COMPETITION QUESTION**

QUESTION...What is your favourite Christmas song and why?

Just write in with your creative answers and I will choose my favourites! Send your entries to [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com) and mark the subject box 'Michael Armstrong Competition Time'.

### **A CHRISTMAS TREAT?**

Those of you that know me fairly well will be aware of my hatred and disapproval of TV reality 'talent' shows and so this may come as a shock. BUT...a few years ago I was holidaying with my family in Florida and upon my children's insistence I took part in The American Idol Experience. Armed with a belly full of potent cocktails and dressed to kill in vacation shorts and t-shirt, exposing my gorgeous legs to full effect, I did what I had to do. I'm not proud of my behaviour and have had to live with myself ever since...

[https://youtu.be/\\_FHwXUrxzDM](https://youtu.be/_FHwXUrxzDM)

## **MIKE WITH A STAR**



Me and Macca...probably the greatest day of my life.

## **FANS LETTERS & PICS**



Imogen Bebb sent this great photo in of her with Andy McCluskey, front man of Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark. It was taken in Birmingham at an electronic music convention. She tells me that she cried 'happy' tears after this picture was

taken. Imogen, let me tell you...I sobbed and sobbed for about half hour after my picture of McCartney was taken. In fact if i think about it now I cry! What a memory!

If your photo didn't get shown this month don't worry. I have them all ready and will publish them in future editions!

So it's now your job to get writing and sending in. I want your letters about anything and everything....from gigs you've seen either of me or anyone, to funny stories, to your tales of meeting the stars. And if you have any photos of 'You With A Star' then I'll be publishing the best ones in future editions. Send all your stuff to [LDPromos@aol.com](mailto:LDPromos@aol.com) with the subject heading MICHAEL ARMSTRONG NEWSLETTER.

## UPCOMING TOUR DATES



## 2017 TOUR DATES WITH MICHAEL & HIS BAND

Already confirmed...

1st April	<b>The Stables, Wavendon</b>
2nd June	<b>The Bulls Head, Barnes, London</b>
23rd June	<b>Farncombe Music Club, Surrey</b>
25th June	<b>The Cavern Club, Liverpool</b>
29th June	<b>The Epsom Playhouse, Surrey</b>
30th June	<b>Chapel Arts Centre, Bath</b>

## AND FINALLY....

The business end of things. If for some inexplicable and inexcusable reason you don't own my debut album, the imaginatively titled 'Michael Armstrong' it is available from the following —

AMAZON

<https://goo.gl/tMcM2K>

iTunes

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

PLEASE if you haven't yet left a review on either of these sites and are able to at all it would be HUGELY appreciated! The more reviews we have (provided they're good ones of course) the higher the preferential treatment from each site in advertising etc.

Also, if you haven't yet joined and liked my FaceBook page then again, if you're able, please do as every little bit helps —

<https://www.facebook.com/MichaelArmstrongMusic/?fref=ts>

Likewise — join me on Twitter —

**@mike73armstrong**

And check out, like and comment on my various YouTube videos — **YouTube/  
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And of course check the website for all updates —

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***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

