

The Michael Armstrong Newsletter



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An Introduction From Michael...

Greetings all...and welcome to another helping of my notorious newsletter. This month's edition is packed with all sorts of exciting, Earth shattering, ground-breaking, heart-thumping, goose-bumping excitement. I can hardly type for anticipation! There MAY never be another quite as good? MAYbe this could be the best ever? Will MAY win a JUNE election? Bring on the MAYhem. MAY the force be with us...

Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence

I'm sure that by now most of you realise the working title of the new album is 'Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence'. It will be an album of all original songs but they all come under this concept of 'Under The Influence'. Myself and Warren Bennett who is co-producing the album, and has co-written some of the songs, are making an album that will stand alongside the records, artists and bands that have inspired us in our lifetimes and beyond. Throughout the music there are gentle nods and winks to some of the greatest musicians and recordings that the world has ever known. You're gonna love it!



As part of the whole 'Under The Influence' concept I decided to record a series of short videos on my travels across the UK and abroad, paying tribute to those very men and women who have affected my life and my songwriting. They are appearing on Facebook and YouTube if you want to look them up, but I thought I'd also add one to each newsletter...so here is Episode I - Under The Influence - Liverpool (well...it had to be didn't it?)

<https://youtu.be/4m-I0XoNjyU>

I've had a few people send in some suggestions for future video tributes and so, as and when I find myself near those locations, I will be filming these. Please feel free to send in your suggestions for 'Under The Influence' to the usual address LDAPromos@aol.com.

AND DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN STILL BE A **BIG PART** OF THE NEW ALBUM BY JOINING IN THE FUN HERE: -

<http://pmusic.co/rwMPWw>

The Stories Behind The Songs

This is a new feature in my newsletters suggested by Andy Whittaker who runs the Michael Armstrong Facebook Fan Page. I've started to record videos where I dissect my own songs and talk about their creation, the meaning or the story behind them, and a little about the structure and recording of them - without being too geeky I hope! It made sense to do it in order of the 1st album so here is the story of track 1 from my eponymous debut album - 'Johannesburg'.



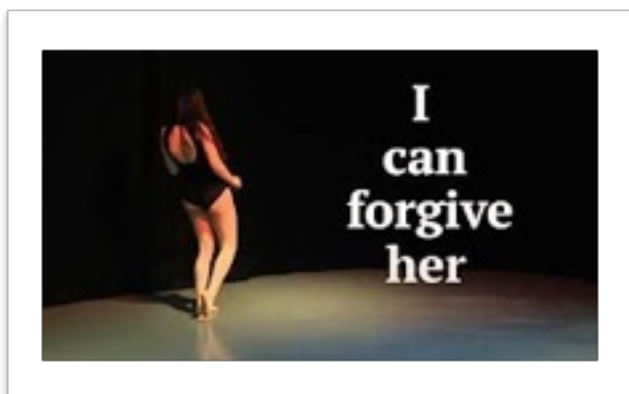
<https://youtu.be/ZoaJjE-Tnlk>

If you're on Facebook please be sure to join the Fan Page at -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221857971592287/>

These videos appear here exclusively first way ahead of my newsletter and there is also lots of other great stuff and like minded people you can chat to about great music and life in general!

NEWS



1) Being a modest and retiring person I often type my own name into Google to see how famous I've become. It's looking pretty good so far and I was amazed to find a link to a video of my song 'So Long She'. I've never made a video for it and had never seen a video for it so I was somewhat bewildered. When I put it on I was blown

away. It is beautiful. It turns out that a film student named Ashleigh Townsend made it back in February 2016. Thank you Ashleigh!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJ32bQw0txc>

2) I've been doing some work with Chris Norman recently. Chris is most famous for fronting 70's hit band Smokie who had some 15 top ten hits in their heyday. He's got a really nice new solo album coming out later in the year and I did some TV with him on the new single...but the crowd wanted one song and one song only. I figured you'd like to see it, so here it is. How I didn't shout out the rude response I will never know...

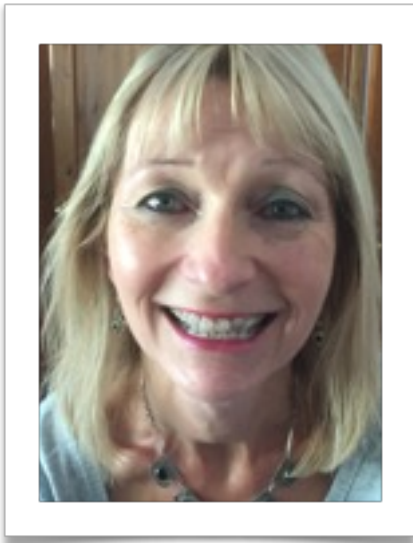


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3) Many of you will know my manager Lisa Davies. Lisa recently had braces fitted to her teeth and has been publishing a video blog about her journey which you can check out here -

Vlog 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1wXNJ2NP68>

Vlog 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgy3VN8RhLo>



After seeing this blog a journalist at The Daily Mail contacted Lisa and before we knew it there was a whole team of photographers, make-up artists, dress designers, hairdressers and all their equipment taking over our office and Lisa's house. She will be appearing very soon in the newspaper with a whole section about her teef!

As I said to Charles, Lisa's husband...only your wife could cause this much commotion about having a brace! Amazing!

5) Hayley Richardson sent me a lovely email about how when listening to my song 'The Radio Years', she was reminded of a poem her late mum wrote for her when she was a kid. With Hayley's permission I'm printing it here so you can all read it and enjoy it as much as I did -

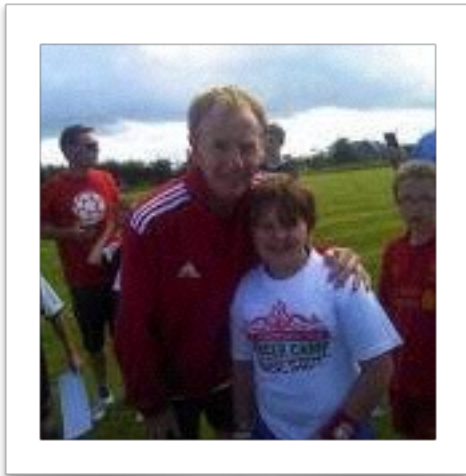
I took apart the radio to meet the folks inside.
It's full of coloured wires I wonder where they hide.
It's really is a puzzle I can't see them at all.
They sound as big as mum and dad but I guess their very small.
I'll put it back together now before my mum sees me.
I turn the knob it's silent, I must have set them free...

MIKE WITH A STAR

As he's currently touring the UK I thought I'd give an airing to my old pal Chris de Burgh.



FAN LETTERS & PICS



This month's picture witnesses Michel Armstrong super fan Olivia Hunt posing with some bloke from Liverpool FC - apparently they are a football team? Reading the email that came with it it seems that the gentleman in question is a certain David Fairclough - known in those parts as a 'super-sub' and a Liverpool Legend. Yes - they actually had legends at LFC back in the 70's! Who'd have thought eh? Now...let me just scrape out the bottom of this barrel!

Now it's 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 LDAPromos@aol.com with the subject heading MICHAEL ARMSTRONG NEWSLETTER.

DEDICATIONS

I know that a few of the recipients of this newsletter have been having a tough time recently and want to publicly wish them the very best and to let them know we're thinking of them and sending all our love.

Vickie Wagner xx

Pat Wenham xx

Kathleen Howland xx



The debut album 'Michael Armstrong' is available NOW at: -

<http://tinyurl.com/lprn474>

OR HERE: -

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

SEE YOU IN JUNE!!

