

The Michael Armstrong Newsletter

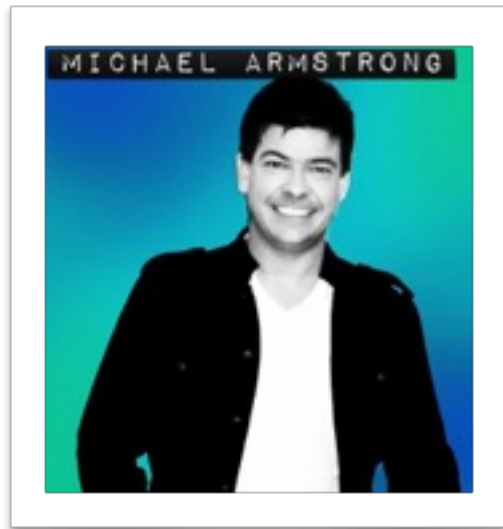


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An Introduction From Michael

Happy Birthday to you...Mr Newsletter! Yes indeed, it has been a whole year since the first ever edition of my now legendary and much mimicked Booker Prize nominated collection of nonsense and gibberish. Which means that it has been an entire 12 months that I have been promising you a brand new album. Guess what? That's right folks...I *still* haven't finished it. I'm nothing if not consistent though. The first album took almost exactly two years from the first day of recording to receiving the final masters so in fact I'm actually way ahead of time.

Impressive eh? I'd like to think that in the August 2018 edition and the 2nd Anniversary of this fine publication I won't be repeating this introduction...but never say never. In the meantime...



SONGS FROM THE HUT



We had a HUGE response to last month's request for song nominations for this brand new feature we call 'Songs From The Hut'. I now have a whole list of tracks that I need to try and work out how to play and sing. Thanks a bunch! Many of you requested more than one song, so to make it fair, I've decided to choose just one song from each person's suggestions and publish them in the order they were received. Keep sending them in though –

we love to hear from you. Usual address for these – LDPromos@aol.com.

Quickest off the block was KAREN SPRIGGS who got her suggestions in within about a minute and a half of us sending out the newsletter. This girl is FAST! Anyway, Karen asked for a Hut performance of 'Amazed' by Lonestar as it's her and her partners special song. So, this ones for you Karen + 1.

<https://youtu.be/ZdqTthyQkvs>

Michael Armstrong's Under The Influence

This episode of my Under The Influence video tour, finds me pretending to be in New Zealand and paying homage to the incredible songwriters that are Neil & Tim Finn.



[https://
www.youtube.com/
watch?v=x3_tqISufMo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3_tqISufMo)

If you have a suggestion of a location and song for Under The Influence please send us an email to LDPromos@aol.com and we'll do our best to cover it if we find ourselves nearby.



The Stories Behind The Songs

The fourth track from my first album was a cover version of Billy Joel's 'Allentown', but it was actually never intended to be on the album. Ironic, considering it has turned out to be probably the most successful track from it. Intrigued? Then check this out...

The Story Behind 'Allentown'

<https://youtu.be/BuH20zIt42s>

NEWS

1) I was invited onto Near FM in Ireland during July to chat about the music business, promoting artists and my career (or

lack of) in general. You can listen to it here - [https://soundcloud.com/michael-armstrong-60/near-fm-interview-michael-armstrong/s-A5ItL](https://soundcloud.com/michael-armstrong-60/near-fm-interview-michael-armstrong-s-A5ItL)



2) My friend Jason Ritchie, who is the editor of www.getreadytorock.com turns 50 years young next February 8th. To celebrate he is looking to put on 50 gigs/events on or around that date, all in aid of Nordoff Robbins charity. I'll be doing some stuff for him and helping raise awareness for this great cause. For more information on all aspects of his ominous task check out

<https://therockinchairblog.wordpress.com/fifty-gigs-in-a-day/>

MIKE WITH A STAR

Here I am hanging out with the legendary and 2 x Grammy award winning guitarist Albert Lee. Albert of course appears on my first album playing some fine geetar on 'Innocence Of Men'. You should also check him out on this link playing his signature tune 'Country Boy': - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PscAZyOMGiA>



FAN LETTERS & PICS



Regular contributor to this newsletter, Imogen Bebb, finally got to meet one of her biggest idols last month. He may not be instantly (or at all) recognisable to most of us, BUT Imogen is the biggest OMD (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) fan that ever walked the planet Earth and so I know she'd appreciate me sharing this picture of her with Paul Humphreys who played synth, keys

and sang vocals for the British new wave band who helped colour the 1980's for us. Imogen...was that you I heard on Ken Bruce's Radio 2 'Popmaster' the other day?

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 LDPromos@aol.com with the subject heading MICHAEL ARMSTRONG NEWSLETTER.

DEDICATIONS

Sending all our collective love and thoughts to a friend and fan all the way over in Pennsylvania, USA who recently lost her mother. This one's for you Andrea Ritchey x

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



<http://tinyurl.com/lprn474>

OR HERE: -

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

Happy Holidays

