

KRIS DREVER

IF WISHES WERE HORSES

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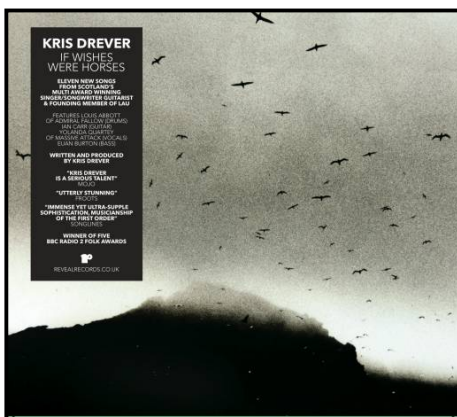
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To simply call KRIS DREVER 'a folksinger' would be like saying that LAU, the acclaimed band in which he also sings and plays, is 'a Scottish folk trio'. Both true descriptions but reductive ones that only hint at the progressive joys contained in the music of each.



Kris Drever launches into 2016 with a brand new studio album *If Wishes Were Horses* (Reveal Records) and a supporting tour (see over the page for details of the latter). With it he celebrates his first decade as an acclaimed solo artist and songwriter. The new album is his first for six years (during which time his band **Lau** have established themselves as the most widely acclaimed and musically progressive trio in British folk music).

If Wishes Were Horses is a collection of semi-biographical songs covering the universal, and not so universal, themes of education, politics, sex, love, ennui, self-employment, social migration and Shetland. Drever's recent outpouring of songs stems from a move back to the Northern Isles, Shetland this time rather than his native Orkney and the discovery of new lyrical voices to describe his life, times and wild new surroundings.



Helping Kris to realise this album are the renowned guitar genius **Ian Carr**, ace bassist **Euan Burton** and **Admiral Fallow** frontman **Louis Abbott** on drums and vocals.

Drever's voice and guitar now form a part of the backbone of today's contemporary roots and folk scene. Hugely admired as a solo artist, collaborator, and member of folk superstars Lau, he is a phenomenal and prolific artist. Drever has already played alongside Jack Bruce, Bela Fleck, Tinariwen, Joan As Police Woman, Jerry Douglas, Danny Thompson, Tim O'Brien, Sarah Jarosz, Shawn Colvin, Phil Cunningham, Rosanne Cash, Roddy Woomble, Eddi Reader, Adem, Kate Rusby, Julie Fowlis, Karine Polwart and many more.

The new songs

- 1 I DIDN'T TRY HARD ENOUGH
- 2 WHEN WE ROLL IN THE MORNING
- 3 CAPERNAUM
- 4 SHIPWRECKED
- 5 IF WISHES WERE HORSES
- 6 THE LONGEST DAY
- 7 WHEN THE SHOUTING IS OVER
- 8 DON'T TELL ME THAT (HUMAN NATURE)
- 9 HARD YEAR
- 10 FIVE PAST TWO
- 11 GOING TO THE NORTH

PRODUCED BY KRIS DREVER

For the concert tour, alongside the new material from *If Wishes Were Horses*, Kris will revisit old songs from across his back catalogue playing many outside of the recording studio for the first time. Fans can get involved by posting, on his Facebook page, old songs they would like to hear; Kris will then pick from those selections.

What the media says about Kris Drever and Lau

'Kris Drever is a serious talent'

MOJO

"The folk revival has a new standard bearer"

Q

4 times winner 'Best Group' with Lau

BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards

'Best Newcomer 2007'

BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards

'Completely infectious'

BBC Music *****

'Utterly stunning'

fROOTS

'Immense yet ultra-supple sophistication, musician

-ship of the first order ...a breath of fresh air'

SONGLINES

Guitarist with that bravely experimental trio Lau,

Kris Drever has all the makings of a solo celebrity

THE GUARDIAN ****

'Sets the standard for others to follow'

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KRIS DREVER - IF WISHES WERE HORSES TOUR 2016

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| Sunday 24th January | Celtic Connections - Old Fruitmarket, GLASGOW
www.celticconnections.com |
| Saturday 26th March | Ramsbottom Civic Hall, Market Place, RAMSBOTTOM , Lancashire, BL0 9HT
www.themet.biz 0161 761 2216 £13.00 |
| Sunday 27th March | Henry Tudor House, Barracks Passage, Off Wyle Cop, SHREWSBURY , SY1 1XA
www.henrytudorhouse.com 01743 361666 £14.00 |
| Monday 28th March | Green Note, 106 Parkway, LONDON NW1 7AN. www.greennote.co.uk 020 7485 9899 |
| Tuesday 29th March | Green Note, 106 Parkway, LONDON NW1 7AN. www.greennote.co.uk 020 7485 9899 |
| Wednesday 30th March | Green Note, 106 Parkway, LONDON NW1 7AN. www.greennote.co.uk 020 7485 9899 |
| Thursday 31st March | Komedia, 44-47 Gardner Street, BRIGHTON , BN1 1UN www.komedia.co.uk
0845 293 8480 |
| Friday 1st April | The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, OXFORD , OX1 2AQ
www.oldfirestation.org.co.uk 01865 305305 £15.00 / £13.00 |
| Saturday 2nd April | The Barn, The Street, Kingston, CANTERBURY , CT4 6JB www.folkinthebarn.co.uk
01227 831493 £15.00 / £14.00 |
| Sunday 3rd April | Topsham Folk Club, The Globe Hotel, Fore Street, TOPSHAM , Devon, EX3 0HF
www.topshamfolkclub.org 01392 875332 |
| Tuesday 5th April | The Portland Arms, 129 Chesterton Road, CAMBRIDGE , CB4 3BA
www.greenmind.co.uk 01223 357851 |

Wednesday 6th April The Musician, Clyde Street, **LEICESTER**, LE1 2DE
www.themusicianpub.co.uk 0116 251 0080 £12.00

Thursday 7th April The Convent, Convent Lane, South Woodchester, **STROUD**, GL5 5HS
www.theconvent.net 0330 2232 707

Friday 8th April Music Room, Hope Street, **LIVERPOOL**, L1 9BP www.liverpoolphil.com
 0151 709 3789 £14.00

Saturday 9th April Memorial Hall, London Road, **TRELAWNYD**, Flintshire, LL18 0JP
www.therecordjournal.co.uk 07899 024162 £12.00

Sunday 10th April The Live Room, Caroline Social Club, Caroline Street, **SALTAIRE**, Shipley, BD18 3JZ
www.theliveroom.info 01274 594021 £14.00 / £12.00

Tuesday 12th April Paisley Arts Centre, New Street, **PAISLEY**, PA1 1EZ
www.renfrewshireleisure.com 0300 300 1210

Thursday 12th May The Lemon Tree, West North Street, **ABERDEEN**, AB24 5AT
www.aberdeensperformingarts.com 01224 641122 £12.00

Friday 13th May St Andrew's in the Square 1 St Andrew's Square, **GLASGOW**, G1 5PP
www.fallenangelsclub.com 0131 221 3234 £14.00

Saturday 14th May Pleasance Theatre, 60 Pleasance, **EDINBURGH**, EH8 9TJ
www.fallenangelsclub.com 0131 220 3234 £14.00

Sunday 15th May **INVERNESS** Eden Court Theatre

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