

Single Release: Courage

Genre: Folk & Roots.

Release Date: October Friday 12th 2018

Produced, Mixed and Mastered by Gavin Glass

Recorded at Orphan Studios, Dublin.

Musicians

Hubert Murray - Guitar and Vocals

Paddy Kiernan - Banjo

Niall Hughes - Double Bass

Alec Browne - Cello

Bio

'Irish Raconteur, Hubert Murray, has a voice bursting from the soul. His songs feature lost loves, inner demons, compulsive liars & day dreamers, rounded out with a masterful hand over the fretboard. His performances embody all that is best in modern roots music, combining energy, soul and authentic storytelling'.

Lost in a house of mixtapes and stacks of old blues, folk & soul records, he sifted through each one, de-composing melodies under the wings of his older siblings. By the age of 14 he was performing on stages in pubs and clubs, lying about his age just to get on stage. It was the beginning of a musical journey and far from the typical rural Irish upbringing. After ten years of gigging and busking under his belt, he moved to London, immersing himself in the folk and bluegrass world. Fronting two genre bending bluegrass/old time bands, gigging and touring relentlessly. Quickly, they gained the reputation as some of the finest players and performers in Ireland and the UK. His new musical venture is departing the familiar territory of bluegrass and old time and developing his voice as an acoustic singer-songwriter. His sound bows a head to the masters of melody and word such as; Tom Waits, Van Morrison, Big Bill Broonzy, Laura Marling, The Beatles, Townes Van Zandt, Kavanagh and Bukowski.

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Courage was recorded at Orphan Studios with one of Ireland's most in demand producers; Gavin Glass. Gavin has worked with Lisa Hannigan, Declan O'Rourke, Paul Brady, The Villagers and John Grant to name a few. His hand over this song was a great pleasure to collaborate with.

The Single *Courage* is a story of a brother, reaching out to his older estranged sibling. The song Courage looks at one's presence in a bleak world and how they can feel terribly alone. It's sound is reminiscent of an acoustic blend between Nick Drake, John Martyn with a lyrical power and darkness of Nick Cave. Behind each verse is an undercurrent of courage or, the lack of it.

Background

Hailing from Galway, but now residing in Offaly, Hubert has been gigging solo, and with multiple bands for the past 15 years. After completing a nursing degree in 2011, he moved to London to pursue

a career in music. Performing initially at open mics, folk clubs and busking, his interests turned to folk, roots and bluegrass music. He's now best known as front-man of London based old-time/bluegrass band the Hot Rock Pilgrims and Irish bluegrass fusion band Lands End.

He has fronted and managed the two bands mentioned above as well as working as a nurse and session musician in London. With these bands he's have built up a considerable track record of playing some of the most prestigious venues and festivals in the UK eg. Southbank Centre London, Green Note London, The Old Market Theatre Brighton, Isle of Wight festival, Wilderness festival and Cambridge Folk Festival, to name a few.

Discography

The Boarder Sessions EP 2014 - Lands End

Among the Peaks EP 2015 - Hot Rock Pilgrims

Shorten the Road EP 2016 - Hubert Murray

Squirrel Hunting 2017 - Hot Rock Pilgrims

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Press Quotes:

"Hubert Murray is one to watch for. An inspiring songwriter & a fine instrumentalist. Niall Toner, RTE Radio One

4/5 "An excellent songwriter." Spiral Earth

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