



BMX Bandits

Dreamers On The Run

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Die BMX Bandits veröffentlichen seit Jahrzehnten in unregelmäßigen Abständen großartige und kompromisslose Alben. Mit ihrem zwölften Album "Dreamers On The Run" haben die Indie-Pop-Ikonen nun, man kann es nicht anders sagen, ein brillantes, ambitioniertes Meisterwerk aufgenommen. Fast scheint es, als hätten sich Douglas T. Stewart und seine rechte Hand Andrew Pattie in Schottland ein Brill Building selbstgebaut, um die elf neuen Songs zu schreiben, zu arrangieren und zu produzieren. Das Ergebnis ist ultra-romantischer POP und der Beweis, dass Douglas und die Bandits zum illustren Kreis der großen Pop-Außenseiter wie Jonathan Richman, Martin Newell oder Curt Boettcher gehören. Außenseitertum hat bei allen Nachteilen auch gute Seiten, denn erstaunlich oft haben Außenseiter*innen die besten Songs!

BMX Bandits are back with their twelfth studio album, their most musically ambitious so far - 'Dreamers On The Run'. An album dedicated to all the outsiders out there.

BMX Bandits were formed in the Scottish ex industrial town of Bellshill in 1985 by Douglas T Stewart and Sean Dickson. When Sean left to concentrate on his other band The Soup Dragons so began BMX Bandits, not as a conventional band of the same 4 or 5 faces but as an ever growing extended musical family which has included members of The Vaselines, The Pastels, The Pearlfishers and Teenage Fanclub over the years.

In 2014 Douglas formulated the idea for a new BMX Bandits album that would be called 'Dreamers on the Run', about living in two worlds; the world of dreams and of music while trying to survive the real world. Douglas started writing songs for the new album and even booked a couple of shows to perform these new Dreamers songs live. Then Douglas got ill, his mental health spiralled out of control and this led to physical health problems. The project was put on hold, the planned live shows and recording were cancelled. During lockdown Douglas was commissioned to provide the soundtrack for an independent feature film 'Dreaded Light'. For this project Douglas chose multi instrumentalist Andrew Pattie to be his main collaborator. Andrew had been playing guitar live for the band for a few years. Douglas recalls "After recording an actual soundtrack for an actual movie together it became obvious to me that Andrew was the right collaborator to make this very cinematic album that I'd dreamt of. He had the musicality and fearlessness that it needed."

So now, ten years later than originally planned 'Dreamers on the Run' is here. "Together we worked on some of the song ideas and themes that I had a decade ago, completing them together and both of us wrote new material that complemented the album's narrative." The album was mastered by Douglas' original partner in crime Sean Dickson, now known as Hifi Sean and features guest appearances by giants of the International Pop Underground Jowe Head and Calvin Johnson.

The album's opener 'Dreamers on the Run' was the first song that Douglas had heard in his head for the album. "I had the intro section and the big romantic hook section. From there I wanted it to be like a score for a montage section in a film with our two dreamers running through different landscapes and times and that's where Andrew came in with something that was full of musical twists and turns. It felt like it would take the listener on a journey and introduce them to some elements that would return throughout the album. Andrew cites David Axelrod's extraordinary work with The Electric Prunes on 1968's 'Release of an Oath' as a key influence on the mid section of the track "funky drums with classical themes". Then after this winding journey we return to our dreamers, defiantly restating their declaration of intent. They are saying no matter how long we have to keep on running, no matter how treacherous the journey we won't be defeated by the real world."

Tracklist

- A1) Dreamers On The Run
- A2) Setting Sun
- A3) Time To Get Away
- A4) What He Set Out To Be
- A5) Cockerel's Waiting
- B1) My Name Is Duglas (Don't Listen To What They Say)
- B2) Home Before Dark – In The Industrial Zone
- B3) Hop Skip Jump (For Your Love)
- B4) The World Was Round
- B5) Things You Threw Away
- B6) Digital Dreamers

Tracklist Bonus-7“

- A1. Setting Sun (Single Version with Intro)
- A2. Your Class (Even More Dreams Version)
- B1. Home Before Dark (Even More Dreams Version)
- B2. Come Dance With Me



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