Michael Chapman - Trainsong: Guitar Compositions

1967-2010

Obscure old-timer heads into studio, re-records some prime picks from his career as instrumentals, makes truly involving, evocative music. Simple...

An underground folk figure ever since he started out playing to Cornish crowds in 1967, this doubledisc career overview is released just as Chapman turns 70.

John Peel was a fan and he once counted Pink Floyd and Deep Purple as label mates, but Chapman remained perennially obscure.



Now he has headed back into the studio to redress that, re-recording solo guitar versions of 26 songs from his rich back catalogue, spanning dozens of albums.

The instrumentals are warm, expressive and intimate, not to mention a testament to Chapman's masterful musicianship as he weaves intricate rhythm and melodic sections without breaking sweat.

As a consequence the tunes are not left feeling half-cooked, bereft of a voice, but complete, articulate and enigmatic. Chapman is a rare talent.

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Michael Chapman Spring & Summer Tour 2011

April 19th to May 3rd , First USA Tour....

22nd Brooklyn, NY - Littlefield (with Steve Gunn/Hans Chew/Bob Banister)

23rd Fairfax, VA - Avant Fairfax Festival: Old Town Hall

24th Philadelphia - The Rotunda w/ Meg Baird

26th New Brunswick, NJ

27th Charlottesville, VA - Dust Warehouse w/ Kohoutek

28th Carrboro, NC - All Day Records instore

29th Floyd, VA - Dogtown Roadhouse w/ the Black Twig Pickers

30th Richmond, VA - Sprout w/ openers Frankzig

May 2nd Brooklyn, NY - Zebulon w/ Steve Gunn & Tom Carter

June, Second USA Tour (some dates with Bill Callahan)

Sat 4th The Wexner, Columbus, Ohio

Thu 16 Los Angeles, ca
Fri. 17 Santa Barbara, ca
Sat 18 San Francisco, ca
Sun 19 Big Sur, ca
Mon 20 Santa Cruz, ca

Wed 22 Seattle, wa

Summer UK Tour

Weds 29th The Kings Head, Presteigne, Powys

Thurs 30th The Globe at Hay on Wye

July

Fri 1st National Pavilion, Wales Sat 2nd Bournemouth (tbc)

Sun 3rd Burseldon Folk Club, Burseldon, Southampton

Mon 4th Grays, Brighton

Friday 8th Settle, Victoria Hall (support, Luke Hirst & Sarah Smout)

Saturday 9th Clitheroe, Aspinall Arms, Mitton Fri 15th The Village Pump, Trowbridge

Thurs 21st Brewery Visitor's Centre, St Austell, Cornwall

Friday 22nd The Count House, Botallack, St. Just, Cornwall ticket res 07850 491309
Sat 23rd The Count House, Botallack, St. Just, Cornwall ticket res 07850 491309

Sun 24th The Wharf, Tavistock, Devon Fri 29th New Headingly Club, Leeds

August

Tues 23rd The Troubadour, London

September

Saturday 3rd Moseley Folk festival, Birmingham

Friday 16th Hebden Bridge Trades Club (with Kath Reade support)

October

12th - 23rd UK Tour with Rita Hosking more details later

November 5th – 20th 2011 Austria, Tour more details later dates TBC

Lots more gigs to be added;

Check Michael's web site www.michaelchapman.co.uk to buy CD's & for up to date artist information.

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