



Scottish Singer's New Video Packs a Punch!

(With cameo from *Game of Thrones* /
Doctor Who actor)



Hailed as one of Scotland's finest singer songwriters, with fans including Irvine Welsh, "Whispering" Bob Harris and Russell Brand, Dean Owens is about to release his latest album (his seventh) on Brighton's At The Helm Records.

Southern Wind is the title track. Co-written with Dean's long term musical collaborator Will Kimbrough, it's the song that got the whole ball rolling. **To mark it, he has released a new video** - dark, moody and powerfully evocative, with echoes of *Trainspotting*, *Peaky Blinders* and The The's *The Infected*. It was filmed – by Portobello based Waltzer Films - in and around Leith, where Dean grew up, including at Scotland's oldest boxing club, Leith Victoria AAC Boxing Club (whose former members include world champion Ken Buchanan, as well as Dean himself). You could say it packs a punch!

It features a cameo from actor (and fellow Leithian) **Jamie Sives** (Jory Cassel from *Game of Thrones*, *Doctor Who*, *Clash of the Titans* and the upcoming *Outlaw King* (William Wallace)) as The Boxer. For once, Jamie doesn't suffer a gruesome death (Jory Cassel's blade in the eye being a still talked about/once seen never forgotten scene, and his Captain Reynolds in *Doctor Who's Tooth and Claw* was killed by an (alien) werewolf (in heroic defence of Queen Victoria). The least said about his *Clash of the Titans* demise, the better! This time however, he's the last man standing.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/fzJo0yQIEUs>

Co-writer Will Kimbrough, whose guitar features throughout the song – “a southern blues based swamp stomper, replete with dirty guitar, swirling keys and full-on choral attack” (according to FATEA) - is a highly sought after award-winning musician, whose recent career includes touring as one of Emmylou Harris's Red Dirt Boys.

Southern Wind (the album) is already attracting extensive radio play, superlative-laden reviews (from UK, Holland and Belgium), including ★★★★★ (“excellent”) from **Mojo** and Country Music magazines, drawing comparisons with Richard Ashcroft, Little Feat and Ronnie Lane. It has also been “tipped” by this month's Euro Americana Charts.

Will Kimbrough:

Dean and I wrote Southern Wind in a flurry of creativity. Ideas were flying. I am from so far south that Nashville is eight hours north. Dean is more of a northern man. I feel like we both understand the call of home and the contrasting call of the muse. My Southern Wind calls me to a long left behind home; I like to think that Dean's Southern Wind calls him South to create in Nashville, Joshua Tree, New Mexico. The lure of home. The lure of the muse. Both romantic and hard to reach. That's Southern Wind.

Southern Wind was again recorded at producer Neilson Hubbard's Mr Lemons Studio in Nashville, with a host of superb musicians. While it has a distinctive swampy, southern rock, soulful groove, it is also deeply rooted in Dean's home town and country.

Producer Neilson Hubbard (whose recent clients include John Prine and Jason Isbell, and who is an integral part of the acclaimed Orphan Brigade) says of Dean:

Dean is a unique artist. He can turn a phrase with the best of them, and he can peer into the most intimate places with his songs... but it's his voice that truly gives him his stand alone quality. He sings with an ease that reminds me of the likes of Neil Finn and Sam Cooke. You never feel bogged down in any song because his voice floats in the air and transcends the listener.

Southern Wind is released on At The Helm Records, 16 Feb 2018. (It was launched to standing ovations at a sold out show at Glasgow's Drygate at Celtic Connections, on 2nd Feb).

For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, MP3s, press tickets etc, please contact Morag Neil on 0771 288 0965 (email info@scarybiscuits.com)

Press pack for *Southern Wind* (inc downloadable MP3s, press release, musician credits and sleeve notes): <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dskdun9jg96ial4/AADA8J5hq0cE0SLm9VJvXLQsa?dl=0>

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