



CHRIS APPLETON (ABSOLVA / BLAZE BAYLEY / FURY UK) RELEASES A FREE SONG FROM HIS FORTHCOMING SOLO ALBUM.

Absolva frontman Chris Appleton is to release a solo acoustic album "Restless" on 2nd February 2015 and one of the tracks, "No Tomorrow", is made available now as a free mp3 download.

Chris, normally known as lead vocalist and lead guitarist in the ferocious and energetic British metal outfit Absolva and as lead guitarist in the band of former Iron Maiden frontman Blaze Bayley, shows his versatility with an acoustic album filled with diverse songs from the folk-influenced sounds of opening track "Seafarer" to the virtuosity in the Satriani/Vai hints of the instrumental title track.

The album also includes its' fair share of balladry with "How When I Feel When You're Gone" written by Chris' brother and Iced Earth bassist Luke Appleton, a version of Absolva's "Only When It's Over" and the haunting minimalism of "Wonders Of The World" featuring the stark yet beautiful orchestration written again by Luke Appleton and a departure from the acoustic guitar sound that runs through most of "Restless". The track listing is completed by the quirky, bluesy "Crazyhead", a version of the Fury UK song "I See Red" and an acoustic yet faithful cover of Ozzy Osbourne's "Mama I'm Coming Home".

Also featuring prominently as guest on the album is Chris' close friend and vocalist Wizz Wizzard from Belgium, who has his own classic metal band Wizz Wizzard and solo acoustic project Wizz Acoustic. Wizz shares vocal duties on "Restless" and the contrast in the two singers' styles is as rewarding as it is impressive.

The album was recorded in Lotenhulle, Belgium. Engineered by Bart Wyns. Mixed and mastered by Bart Wyns, Wizz Wizzard and Chris Appleton. Produced by Chris Appleton.

Track-by-track listing and performers....

1. Seafarer (Chris Appleton: guitars and vocals | Wizz Wizzard: vocals)
2. Crazyhead (Chris Appleton: guitars & vocals | Wizz Wizzard: vocals)
3. No Tomorrow (Chris Appleton: guitars and vocals)
4. How Will I Feel When You're Gone (Luke Appleton: guitars | Chris Appleton: guitars and vocals)
5. Restless (Chris Appleton: guitars)
6. Only When It's Over (Chris Appleton: guitars and vocals)
7. I See Red (Chris Appleton: guitars and vocals | Wizz Wizzard: vocals)
8. Wonders Of The World (Luke Appleton: sequencing and orchestration | Wizz Wizzard: vocals)
9. Mama I'm Coming Home (Chris Appleton: guitar and vocals)

Chris has this to say about this project.. *"People are asking me.. why another album? .. why another project? ... and it's in the title.. 'Restless'. Whenever I come back from a tour I'm always waiting for the next one. Whenever I record an album, I can't wait to record the next. I really would spend all my time on tour if I could. So, I'm trying to make that happen. I've had a great time recording this album in Belgium, on days off during the latest Absolve tour. The result is great. It's excellent to have Wizz Wizzard singing on it and even my brother Luke played some guitar and wrote a couple of the songs. Something different and I think you'll like it!"*

Chris will be taking "Restless" on the road with a short tour of intimate acoustic shows during late January / early February 2015. The line-up specifically for the tour will be Chris Appleton: vocals and guitar | Wizz Wizzard: vocals | Mark Appleton (of Rocksector Records): guitar. The tour schedule is as follows....

January

28th: UK, Oldham, Whittles

29th: UK, Manchester, Grand Central

30th: UK, Southport, Fox and Goose

February

1st: UK, Bury, The Towler

5th: Belgium, Oostende, Manuscript

6th: France, Arras, Blue Devils Bar

7th: Belgium, Deinze, Cafe Elpee

8th: Netherlands, Haarlem, Rock Cafe Bone

Details of pre-order options for "Restless" will be made available soon.

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