

ASH BEFORE OAK



Peter Griffin - Guitar / Vocals

Mark Armor - Bass / Vocals

Rich Butler-Lee – Drums / Percussion / Backing vox

Ash Before Oak have been mastering the art of bedroom songwriting for 10 years. Their profound ability of writing as a pair whilst singing in close harmony cites influences from the likes of The Beatles, Crowded House, The Everly Brothers, Simon & Garfunkel. Live appearances have varied from playing intimate open mic circuits to full on national tour supports in previous bands they played in together.

Ash Before Oak are an Indie-pop group from Northern England, UK.

They released their first single "You Make Me Me" back in September 2009 which was recorded in an attic above a garage with little more than an Apple Mac and a 4-track cassette recorder. However, the raw potential of the song still managed to get airplay on several BBC radio stations solely from the strength of the writing and harmonies - notably receiving high praise and national radio plays from **Mark Radcliffe (BBC 6music)** amongst others.

RELEASES:

Lifetime (EP) - Self Release, August 2011

The debut EP was written and recorded over a period of 2 years. The band (then appearing as a duo) kept the songs at the forefront and maintained the stripped back live sound that they were taking around the gig circuit.

Alongside this; the band made 4 music videos to accompany the songs - all of which were noted for their imaginative concepts and strong narrative.

For Henry (Soundtrack) – Self Release, July 2012

Recognition sparked after the release of Lifetime. Their tasteful writing and well crafted music videos initiated the band being approached by the British Youth Film Academy / Inglenook Productions in regards to writing music for film. Ash Before Oak landed themselves an opportunity to work on a full soundtrack for independent film Self Same Sky. They wrote both song based and instrumental material for the soundtrack. The soundtrack release titled "For Henry" shows some of the pieces written for Self Same Sky which had its premiere screened in front of 400 viewers at The Odeon, Printworks, Manchester - June 2012.

Radio, Touring & Endorsements

- 2013 saw the band perform series of successful shows in Italy.
- **Mark Radcliffe (BBC Radio 2 / 6Music)** has also strongly praised the band and championed their songwriting for national airplay.
- The band has been recognised by the BBC for their unique style of pop songwriting. They are currently receiving regular airplay on regional stations by **Dave Monks (BBC Merseyside)** and **Michelle Hussey (BBC Manchester)**.
- In 2013 the band ventured overseas for Indie Week festival where they played seven shows over four nights in Toronto, Canada. **Gibson Guitars** endorsed equipment for their visit.
- During 2014 a new album has been written and recorded which is seeing the band partner with various industry professionals to propel them to new heights in 2015.

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