Gideon Conn

After finishing a degree in sculpture at MMU, Gideon decided to become a builder, but nipped that in the bud after 8 months because it was very hard work. That was the point when he decided to be a full time artist and musician. He became a feature on the Manchester indie folk scene and was known for doing drawings at gigs and giving them to bands as a souvenirs.

Known for effortlessly blending acoustic folk and hip hop, Gideon has a unique performance style which make audiences very happy.

Dec '07 was the release date of Gideon's first single 'I want you around' a 10" vinyl released on Get Cape Wear Cape Fly's label Mannequin Records. It was Xfm playlisted, and breakfast single of the week on Shaun Keaveney's 6 music show. This was followed by a BBC Maida Vale session with Huw Stephens.

UK Support tours with Dan le Sac vs Scroobius Pip and Jason Mraz followed in '08 along with appearances at Glastonbury, Bestival, Latitude and several other festivals. 'Trademark' featured on Rob Da Bank's Bestival A-Z compilation.

'09 - runner up in red stripe music competition (Ben Howard won), UK tour with folk pop group 6 Day Riot, also documentary 'Hitting Home -Good Luck Gideon' aired on Manchester's Channel M. Acoustic single 'Londonderry' released on newly formed independent label 'New Bop Sounds' which became the title of Gideon's debut full album released Sept '10.

The second album 'Take It all' (released June 2012 on Tantrum Records), shows Gideon at the height of his song crafting powers. The record opens with lead single Fall Under Tokyo, a pumping radio tune with pure pop beats, soaring synths and Gideon's mellow-sweet vocal. The Record features a vocal track from Josephine on Colours, a beautiful classic sounding soul ballad.

2013 has brought a UK tour with alternative Brighton based act, Bunty (Resonators). and plans are afoot for a joint October tour and 12" vinyl release called 'Highlights and Perceptions' with independent Scottish singer Donna Macioca.

'I don't believe in genres - I believe in songs.'

'The people of Britain may not know it yet, but Gideon Conn is one of their national treasures.' - Scroobius Pip

'What's going on in that crazy noggin of yours?' - Russell Brand