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PRESS RELEASE – MEGAN & THE COMMON THREADS



‘STORIES TO TELL’

Mini Album Released: Friday 24th February 2017

**MARK KNOPFLER COLLABORATOR, GUY FLETCHER, PRODUCES DEBUT MINI ALBUM
FROM IRISH COUNTRY POP COLLECTIVE**

"The Irish Carrie Underwood". – The Irish Times

"Seriously fresh mix of modern country pop with a fusion of distinctly Irish elements". – Time Out

"Complex... with an old school country voice". – Irish Independent

Megan & The Common Threads are thrilled to release their debut mini album *‘Stories To Tell’* (self released), on **Friday 24th February 2017**.

‘Stories To Tell’ showcases **six original songs** that were recorded at **British Grove Studios** in London and produced by long-time **Mark Knopfler** collaborator, **Guy Fletcher** (**Dire Straits, Mark Knopfler, Roxy Music**).

Megan & The Common Threads weave a unique tapestry of country, blues, folk and Americana. The band has emerged from the solo project of Kildare-born songwriter and front woman, **Megan O’Neill**, and includes co-writers **Dan Clark** and **Tom Smith** (electric & acoustic guitars). Their catchy but insightful songwriting underpins danceable grooves from **Kesh Kanabar** (bass) and **Alessandro Tibaldi** (drums), with **Mairéad Furlong’s** Irish fiddle flourishing at the heart of their distinctive sound.

Track Listing

1. London City Ghosts
2. Blessing Or A Curse
3. Walls
4. Devil And The Deep
5. Stories To Tell
6. Awake into The Light



BIOGRAPHY

Megan & The Common Threads is fronted by Kildare born, London based & Nashville trained singer songwriter **Megan O'Neill**. **Megan** is a previous UCD Choral Scholar who, after graduating with a Psychology degree, spent over a year in **Nashville** during 2012 and 2013 writing and performing across **music city**.

The hit US TV show **Nashville** (ABC/Lionsgate) featured **Megan's** track '**Don't You**' from her debut EP; **Coming Home** which was named **UK EP of the Year** by public vote at the **W21 Music Awards in 2015**.

Live shows include a special **Oscars Week appearance** in Los Angeles at the 2015 **Oscar Wilde Awards** on personal invitation of director **JJ Abrams**, plus performances for **RTE2 Two Tube**, **Bob Harris** (BBC Radio 2), **BBC Ulster**, **BBC London**, **Irish Independent**, **Windmill Lane Sessions** and **Amazing Radio**, with a live breakfast show session on Irish national station **Today FM** with **Ian Dempsey**.

Megan's 2016 collaboration with Top 10 UK Chart act **The Shires**, on the track '**Can't Put A Price On That**', is out now on **Decca Records** (Universal Music).

A steely determination lies below **Megan's** trademark headscarf and sunny disposition. Gently setting aside the polished pop sheen of her solo recordings in favour of a more organic **Americana** sound, **Megan** has made some recent changes to her music team and the diminutive figure at the band's centre stands quietly in control of her musical direction.

2016 saw acclaimed shows at **C2C Country to Country Festival** at London's O2 Arena, a barnstorming performance to a sold out 700 capacity crowd at **Time Out London's Rising Stars of Country** show, a headline slot at **Weyfest**, **Nashville Meets London** Festival in Canary Wharf and full UK tours with **CC Smugglers** and **W21 Music**.

The band will be releasing its debut mini album as a six-piece on **24th February 2017** titled '**Stories to Tell**' and produced by the legendary **Guy Fletcher** (**Dire Straits**, **Mark Knopfler**, **Roxy Music**) at **British Grove Studios**. With touring and festival dates being added all the time, the future's looking bright for the '**Threads**'...

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