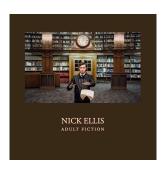
# **NICK ELLIS - ADULT FICTION**

PRE-ORDER THE NEW ALBUM BY NICK ELLIS ON LIMITED EDITION 180-gram HEAVYWEIGHT VINYL & CD
RELEASED - SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017
LAUNCH PARTY - ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH, LIVERPOOL 18th NOVEMBER 2017



"Adult Fiction is a novel set to music. Each song is a chapter based on an old folklore passed on to me by my 105 year old Aunt, Molly Amero, in the last days of her life. It is a story about an architect who built one of Liverpool's most mystifying and beautiful landmarks, the Princes Road Boulevard, located in the Toxteth Park area."

Nick Ellis, 2017

**Adult Fiction** is the sophomore album release from songwriter/guitarist Nick Ellis - his third release in the space of two years - following the streetscape narrative-noir debut of 'Grace & Danger' (April 2016) and it's surrealist-folk follow-up, 'Daylight Ghosts' (November 2016).

The boulevard was special - designed as a sacred place - it was a hub in which it's community could gather and converse. The architect responsible for its design clearly demonstrated a graceful vision of municipal elegance, but there is said to be a deeper, more profound mystery for its inception. His aim was to create a setting so grand that he and his beloved could "waltz upon its boulevard to the sweet music of their romance". The story took a tragic and unexpected twist, after the premature death of his bride-to-be, thus consigning the architect to forever wander its empty avenues in search of her ghost.

"Fascinating"

# Whispering Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2

**Adult Fiction** was recorded in Ellis' native Liverpool at the historic neo-gothic Adolf Gustav Nordic Church, built in 1884. A masterpiece of Victorian architecture, the church is based in the oldest emigrant corner and mixed community settlement in the city, The Canning Dock area. Once known as the infamous 'Nova Scotia', its densely populated mix of housing, warehouses and docks of 17<sup>th</sup> century seafaring merchants and mercenaries, is renowned for the millions of sailors from across the globe that set foot upon it's cobbles.

The album's recordings took place on a wet and windy day, and its stunning performances signal a development in both composition and instrumentation. Ellis builds on the minimalist solo performances of 'Grace & Danger' and 'Daylight Ghosts', incorporating weathered and rustic touches of bass, percussion and harmonies, adding body and soul to the artist's assured narrative. For these elements Ellis enlisted the services of legendary garage-soul wizard Edgar Jones (double bass) and Mark Percy (percussion, backing vocals) of delta blues-literates The Cubical.

"Wonderful"

Lauren Laverne, BBC 6 Music

"His guitar style stands out as much as the songwriting"

Dave Monks, Radio Merseyside / BBC Introducing

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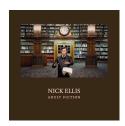
Peter Guy, Getintothis

"Nick Ellis carries the song above and beyond the traditional, propelling it into the realms of a psyche soundscape" Bido Lito

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#### NICK ELLIS: 'ADULT FICTION'

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Release Date: Saturday 18th November 2016

Launch Party: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at St Bride's Church, Percy St, Liverpool L8 7LT

Formats: Heavyweight 180-gram Vinyl LP & CD Artwork / Photography by Robin Clewley

Nick Ellis is available for interview.

Images are available for use alongside editorial content. For enquiries please contact David McTague at Mellowtone: Email: davidmctague@gmail.com Tel: +44 (0)7786 865111

#### Nick Ellis - Biography

Nick Ellis is a Liverpool based singer-songwriter and guitarist performing a style of streetscape narrative-noir blended with a classic British acoustic approach.

Ellis is dedicated to the concept of "Song" and "Melody". Some people call it folk, some just call it good old fashioned song craft. Using a blend of rhythmic attack and finger-quick lucidity, his sound has been described as "a conversation between Elvis Costello and John Martyn."

On his songwriting Ellis says: "I see my songs as chapters and scenes. My albums as movies and books. Except, in this film, these stories are true..."

'Adult Fiction' follows the stunning debut album 'Daylight Ghosts' and EP 'Grace & Danger'.

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#### **Selected Press**

"Fascinating"

## Whispering Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2

"Wonderful"

## Lauren Laverne, BBC 6 Music

"Ellis is a brilliant songwriter, with total disregard for the genre boundaries that can so often restrict acoustic artists. Ellis brings forth song after song of cohesively chill-provoking material that spans from blues, folk and country yet continuously remains in Nick Ellis' unique style."

Zach Jones, Getintothis

"One of Liverpool's finest"

Peter Guy, Getintothis

"A more than accomplished piece of work, strong and confident in its own skin"

Paul Fitzgerald, Bido Lito

"Hauntingly captivating, Nick Ellis has the gift many could only dream of"

Lauren Jones, The Music Manual

"Sounding like the sun looks from the top of a hazy Hope Street on a summer afternoon"

Alan O'Hare, Liverpool Etc

"The subtle craft of menace hangs underneath each wonderfully played out song"

Ian D Hall, Liverpool Sound & Vision

# Mellowtone Records - Biography

Mellowtone Records was born from the spirit of the nomadic Mellowtone nights, quietly creating a stir since 2004. With over a decade of parties, gigs and showcases, Mellowtone have presented songwriters and bands from the worlds of folk, blues, roots and so much more, in a variety of Liverpool's most iconic and intimate venues.

Mellowtone Records progresses this mission further; Seeking out music with Soul. Magic. Alchemy. And bringing it to the wider world.

In April 2016 Mellowtone Records collaborated with The Viper Label to reissue the seminal LP by Edgar 'Jones' Jones 'Soothing Music for Stray Cats' on vinyl for the first time.

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