

Mp3 Dale Olivier - Fountainhead



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Melodic piano guitar based melancholy ballads and acoustic folk pop songs featuring violin 11 MP3 Songs POP: Folkly Pop, POP: Britpop Show all album songs: Fountainhead Songs Details: Dale Olivier was born in Pietermaritzburg in South Africa. From a very early age he was obsessed with music and by the time he had moved up to Johannesburg it was all that mattered to him. Dale moved to London in the spring of 1990 with 1 guitar and a lot of dreams. The UK was where all of his musical heroes came from. Olivier soon joined London band FUR-LINED . The band signed to Complete Music (The Stranglers, Blancmange, Primal Scream) and recorded 2 singles. The first single " Love is Dead" was a 7 minute long Indie classic. The song received a lot of play on Radio One, G.L.R and 5 F.M back in South Africa where it ended up at no 4 on the alternative music charts. Some of their gigs were attended by a then unknown Liam Gallagher. Second single " Kitchen Party" also received a lot of radioplay and numerous reviews in the N.M.E and MELODY MAKER. The band split due to tension and musical differences after their 2nd single but their exciting and rock n ' roll live shows and 7" singles have reached cult legend status over the years. Dale formed a few bands after Furlined. The Shy Mongrels and Janus Stark to mention a few. Janus Stark had a very short life and ended abruptly after Gizz Butt from the Prodigy chose to steal the name for his own outfit The English Dogs. Due to his high-ish profile with the Prodigy the press made it look like the real Janus Stark (Dale's band) had actually stolen the name from Gizz Butt. We know the truth and where are they now anyway ? The Evening Standard and Radio 1's newsbeat also covered the story. Dale was steadily growing more and more frustrated with bands. He decided to go for it on his own and started work on his current new solo material. His debut self produced album " Winter Colours in Summer" was released in 2000 and generated a lot of rave reviews including NME - "Brilliant and Superb" and TNT - "Destined for big things" . It helped establish Dale Olivier as one

of the best new artists around. One of the tracks " Jackripper" went to number 1 in Italy and Spain on the Peoplesound charts and stayed in that position for a month. The album was a lovely acoustic based drawing board for Dale's very personal lyrics and features classic alt.country-ish songs like "In the Country", "Jackripper" and epic piano ballads like "Tonight (Can't get used to losing you) ". After enjoying brief success with "Winter Colours in Summer " Dale went into the studio with producer Pat Collier to record his second album. The now highly acclaimed "Fountainhead" was born. Fountainhead is classic in all the sense of the word. The album features some of Dale's most emotional and honest songs and is a much bigger and epic sounding record than his previously acoustic debut. Fountainhead is full of majestic strings, emotional and honest vocals, piano, big drums, eery organs and a lush production. It's sort of R.E.M meets Jeff Buckley meets Lloyd Cole esq dark flowery acoustic pop with melancholy and life changing lyrics. From Indie Folk singer to Epic tunesmith Dale seems to reinvent himself with every release. The mood swings from mellow piano ballads to up-tempo pop hits with huge anthemic choruses but keeps a melancholy and almost sombre mood causing chills to run down your spine. The first single from "Fountainhead" was the beautiful violin lead "Mary" featuring Claire Watts. This very brave single is about Dale's aunty who suffers from Down Syndrome and is in a mental institution in Natal, South Africa. (Mary since died in Dec 2004 Bless her soul but this song has immortalised her). Even though the song was not an obvious choice as a single Dale released it with a bizzare video featuring him in an authentic 1960s straight Jacket. The video featuring his daughter Bianca Olivier was directed by the famous film maker Rudolf Buitendach. The song was put on numerous Radio playlists from Scotland to Leicester to London but the video was shunned by MTV and ignored by mainstream stations like Radio 1. The song has been described as an anthem for the forgotten and misplaced by the Indiespinzone in the U.S.A. The album "Fountainhead" was also chosen as the 5th best album of 2002. The second single from the "Fountainhead" album called "Cry" was released in late 2002 and generated Radioplay in Scotland (Lochbroom FM) , Leicester (LCR Radio) , London (Matchbox Radio 24) and the B-side " Your Everything " was aired in New York on Underground Radio and a lot more. " Cry" shows more of Dale's Indie rock side but remains melancholy and melodic as usual. The song features guest guitarist and solo artist Graeme Hughes. Another song " What a Feeling" off the album was also broadcast on many internet Radio stations in the USA, UK and Europe. The final single taken off the album " Fountainhead" was released in late 2003 and came in the form of a AA Side single called" Grand Tour of

Sorrow/Wishing". The stunning art noir style video was filmed and directed by Karl Rooney in London. It features Dale in a 1930's style cellar bar in a white dinner jacket playing guitar, drinking, singing and playing chess with himself in a bizzare trance. The video was on high request by MTV Europe. Dale has since recorded and self produced a new limited edition lo-fi acoustic album that takes him back to his acoustic roots. The album titled " Hope and a Northern Girl" features 9 new acoustic songs written by Dale in 2003. "Hope" came out on the 1 March 2004 and features songs like: Judy, Hope, Mad Mad World, I won't go away and more. This album is now only available digitally via Itunes and more. Dale is currently writing material for his 4th studio album " 56 Globe Road" due for a release sometime in 2007. He is also writing songs, playing keyboards, synths and producing with hot new electro pop outfit THE EJECTOR SEATS. Dale also runs the new music label and promotion company MATCHBOX RECORDINGS and Internet Radio stations MATCHBOX RADIO 24 and RADIO BLITZ 24 FM.

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