



MICHAEL HEAD & THE STRANDS

The Magical World of The Strands

Label

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DESCRIPTION

2025 repress. Highly-anticipated vinyl represses of this stone-cold classic. Now comes with new gold foil embossed artwork. After a couple of demos for the French promoter who paired him with his childhood hero **Love's Arthur Lee** in 1992, **Pale Fountains** and **Shack** legend **Michael Head** entered a Liverpool recording studio the following year, with a new project in mind, **The Strands**. Michael teamed up with his brother and lifelong companion, **John**, his long-time drummer **Iain Templeton** and two new recruits, **Michelle Brown** on bass and **Les Roberts** on flute. The recording sessions would last two years and were only halted because Michael was offered a new major label deal. A deal, not for his current work, but for him to record as Shack again. So it came to be that **Stephane Bismuth**, the French promoter, was left with 100 or so minutes of a thwarted project, only a third of which had made it to the mixing studio in Sheffield in the summer of '95. Patch-working and weaving rough mixes and sketches – by engineer Steve Powell, made in Liverpool – with completed mixes by producer **Mark Coyle** who had hired an arranger and string section for sessions in Sheffield, **Stephane Bismuth** founded a new label Megaphone and finally released *The Magical World of The Strands*, in autumn of 1997.

TRACKLISTING

01. Queen Matilda
02. Something Like You
03. And Luna
04. X Hits The Spot
05. The Prize
06. Undecided (Reprise)
07. Glynys and Jaqui
08. It's Harvest Time
09. Loaded Man
10. Hocken's Hay
11. Fontilan

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 repress. Highly-anticipated vinyl represses of this stone-cold classic. Now comes with new gold foil embossed artwork.
- *The Magical World of The Strands* was originally released in autumn of 1997.
- **Love's Arthur Lee, Pale Fountains, Shack.**
- Also available on white-color vinyl (MEGAUK 024X-LP).

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