

JOHN CANNING YATES The Quiet Portraits

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DESCRIPTION

How do you follow up a work described in the Independent "the best debut album since Marquee Moon?" That's the question facing singer-songwriter John **Canning Yates**, twenty years on from the critically acclaimed *The First Album* by his band **Ella Guru**. The Quiet Portraits will appeal to anyone who loves the beautiful melodic soundscapes woven by Brian Wilson, Burt Bacharach, and Tom Waits, while Yates's unique vocals evoke the emotional fragility and compelling narrative of Neil Young, Paul Buchanan, Mark Linkous, and Elliott Smith. Mastered by Jason Mitchell (PJ Harvey, Robert Forster), and featuring guest contributions from pedal steel maestro BJ Cole and friend and multi-instrumentalist Andy Frizell (Kevin Ayers, Wizards of Twiddly), those dedicated followers of Ella Guru who stayed the path will find their patience very well rewarded. The Quiet Portraits is a remarkable achievement from an unassuming, yet hugely talented artist. It's a welcome relief amid the rapidly changing musical landscape to find that all that has changed in John's world is the number of musicians around him. The beautiful storytelling, the art of finding those magical musical moments that will remain with you for years to come: all of that has survived the passing of time intact. Happiest with headphones on, working alone in the small hours from his Liverpool home, Yates has created another masterpiece. Entitled The Quiet Portraits, the new solo album from John Canning Yates tells tales of people and places, of time, family, history, belonging, forgetting and remembering.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. The Way I Remember It
- A2. In The Stillness Of The Night
- A3. Healing
- A4. Until You Find Me (Song For Margaret Hardman)
- A5. October Song
- A6. It Could Be So Good
- B1. Under Cobalt Skies
- B2. Life In A Different Time
- B3. Faraway Blues
- B4. Riches
- **B5**. Dreams Forgotten

HIGHLIGHTS

- John Canning Yates' newest album The Quiet Portraits.
- Mastered by Jason Mitchell (PJ Harvey, Robert Forster) and featuring guest contributions from pedal steel maestro BJ Cole and friend and multiinstrumentalist Andy Frizell (Kevin Ayers, Wizards of Twiddly).
- RIYL: Brian Wilson, Burt Bacharach, Tom Waits, Neil Young, Paul Buchanan, Mark Linkous, Elliott Smith.

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