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“SMALL TOWN BOY” PAUL BELL RELEASES NEW ALBUM

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On 2nd December 2013, Paul Bell releases his fourth album, *Small Town Boy* – a collection of songs rooted in the everyday, but with one eye on bigger things. It’s expansive and intimate with lyrics that trace the line between our grand aspirations and daily frustrations.

Paul has worked with producers Dan and Matt Weeks to craft an album that is packed with sonic interest. Horns and lap steel combine with Paul’s trademark acoustic and piano, all underpinned by the Weeks brothers’ drums and bass. At times driving, other times gently shuffling along, this is an album that rewards repeated listening.

Recorded in home studios with kids coming and going, and the drums set up under the bed - the album has a relaxed feel, polished yet home-made. You may hear the tweeting of birds or the creaking of a piano pedal.

Lyricaly, Paul continues to find a distinctive voice. Both poignant and playful, songs like “Four” manage to combine the joy and inspiration of having young children around with the longing to be as free from cynicism as we were when we were younger.

The title “Small Town Boy” is taken from the song *California* and it reflects the longing to escape the “small town” mentality; to “write the songs of the open roads”. Yet threaded through it is also the sense that it’s not where we are, or what we’ve got, but who we’ve got, and who’s got us that really counts.

Paul says “I wrote these songs over a couple of years of transition – lots of travel, the joy of a growing family, house moves, building works, tough times, good times. I’ve tried to be more honest than ever with these songs, and leave space for them to find their way into the lives and stories of the listener.”

Songs like *No Love Lost*, *California* and *River* have already been picked up by BBC Introducing, and there is a real sense of excitement about the album.

Paul commented “This is my fourth album, but every time it feels like starting again – a blank sheet of paper and a new tune to sing.”

As Paul sings on *California*, “who’s to say [these] words won’t fly.” The album is out on December 2nd and the songs will have to find their own way.

PRESS QUOTES

“Paul, thanks for your music - we love it. Keep it coming.”

- Dean Jackson, BBC Radio Nottingham, Derby, Lincoln, Leicester (Beat on the Beeb)

If you have never heard Paul then I urge you to check him out, he is a really wonderful talent and deserves to be heard more... What Paul does in his songs is writes about love, life and everything else he feels he can put together as an elegant masterpiece – and we love him for it.

- Louder than the music

ABOUT PAUL BELL

Paul is a singer-songwriter, based near Nottingham, UK. “Small Town Boy” is his fourth album

Paul plays concerts all across the country, and has appeared at Greenbelt, Spring Harvest and New Wine festivals. 2014 sees him take to the road again to promote the new album.

An engaging live performer, Paul loves to engage and involve the audience. He has been known to write about biscuits, jumpers, slippers, earthquakes, rebuilding.

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