Iwan Rheon's Dinard - The Debut Album Released 20th April 2015

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An award-winning, versatile actor of stage, TV and film - best known for *Game Of Thrones*, *Misfits*, *Vicious*, Wild Bill, *Spring Awakening* and BBC1's recent primetime drama *Our Girl* - Iwan Rheon is also a talented singer/songwriter who releases his debut album Dinard, on 20th April 2015.

Following a series of well-received EPs - *Tongue Tied*, *Changing Times*, and *Bang! Bang!* – Iwan recorded *Dinard* at Ty Cerdd in Cardiff's Millennium Centre and London's infamous RAK Studios with Jim Unwin and James Clarke. A natural progression from his previously stripped-down production approach, *Dinard* is reminiscent of mid-7'0s Dylan with a voice as raw and soulful as Bon Iver. Iwan's attuned choice of musicians and instruments reflects his eclectic music style and tastes and demonstrates his skills as multi-instrumentalist, composer and lyricist.

Highlights of *Dinard* include the dramatic, epic piano-led *Top Of The Road*, and*Feel It Coming*, which builds beautifully throughout and culminates with some beguiling echoed vocals. Title track *Dinard* is a driving, emotive slice of folk rock, while *Magic Seeds* has a Beatles-y lilt and a jaunty piano that brings to mind a particularly Welsh kind of psychedelia, following on from Gruff Rhys and Gorky's Zygotic Mynci. Not to mention *Rhodd*, which Iwan breathtakingly delivers in his native Welsh.

"It was great to get to work in a unpressurised creative environment," says Iwan. "I was able to make the music that I wanted the way I wanted, with two great guys and fantastic musicians including my brother Aled who sings backing on *Feel It Coming* and shares the lead on *Rhodd*. Music has always been my passion and it's been my dream to make an album. I'm so pleased it's finally come to fruition. Now I just need to start writing the next one!"

Growing up in Cardiff, Iwan Rheon was consumed by rock 'n' roll's mid-'90s uprising: his first gig was Pulp, aged 10 and he was soon captivated by Radiohead, Oasis, Blur, Nirvana, Prodigy and the bands-who-broke-out from Wales, Super Furry Animals and the Manic Street Preachers. A singer-songwriter and guitarist by aged 14, he was also a gifted actor who won a place the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He fronted soul rock band The Convictions until given the role of Moritz in the Tony Award-winning rock musical *Spring Awakening*, which won him the 2010 Olivier Award for Best Supporting Performance In A Musical (ahead of Sheila Hancock, Maureen Lipman and Kelly Price).

Iwan's breakthrough TV role was in Channel 4's hit *Misfits*, and his TV and film CV is now stellar. In 2013 he joined the cast of HBO's American TV colossus *Game Of Thrones* as Ramsay Snow, better known as the thrillingly-titled 'Bastard Of Bolton'. His most recent TV role was in BBC1's drama series *Our Girl*, which aired last autumn and he has just finished filming series 2 of *Vicious* with Sir Ian McKellen and Sir Derek Jacobi.

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