

Neil Sturgeon & The Infomaniacs - Info & Biog - July 2024



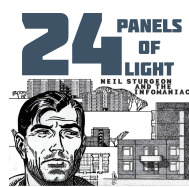
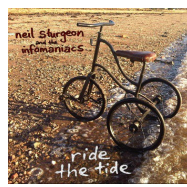
In The Now

Neil Sturgeon & The Infomaniacs are a five piece band based in the West of Scotland on the verge of releasing a sixth single '**The Mistake**' (23rd August 2024). The track (produced by Johnnie Smillie) was recorded at La Chunky Studios in Glasgow during sessions for the band's new album (due later in 2024). In fact, The Infomaniacs are currently recording two albums..A new studio album had been started in early 2020 by a 4 piece Infomaniacs line up of **Neil Sturgeon (Vocals, Guitars)**, **Neil Menzies (Bass)**, **David Andrews (Guitars, Vocals)** and **Marc Tuffley (Drums, Guitars, Vocals)** at La Chunky Studios in Glasgow. The band had recorded backing tracks for six songs when the sessions came to an abrupt end due to the restrictions put in place at the time. Luckily the group had already finished and mixed the first single from the album, '**24 Panels Of Light**'. The song was released in March 2021 in EP format accompanied by three newly 'recorded at home' songs. To the delight of the band a couple of these tracks ('**Silence Is**' and '**An Easier Life**') were selected and aired by several radio stations such as **BBC Radio Scotland's Billy Sloan Show & Roddy Hart Show** which greatly encouraged the band to continue to record in this manner, especially as the chances of a quick return to the studio were very slim. In **February 2022** The Infomaniacs released a double A sided single, '**I Just Wasn't Being Myself**' / '**Weed Kingdom**' from these sessions on Sturgeon's **Buzzwagon Beat** label.

In the summer of 2022 the band became a five piece with the addition of **Michael Gahagan** on drums which allowed Marc Tuffley to step out from behind the kit to add the guitar and vocals parts to the band's live sound that Marc had so admirably contributed to in the sessions during the lockdown spell. With Michael on board the band spent 2023 / early 2024 back in La Chunky Studios finishing the new album and playing some hometown gigs in Glasgow at **Room 2**, **The August House** and **The Glad Cafe**. In July 2024 **The Infomaniacs** also performed at the **Belladrum Festival** with more dates to be arranged later in the year.

In The Past

The new releases follow on from the band's debut album '**Geography And Luck**', which was released on the Buzzwagon Beat label in June 2018. The album displayed a wide spectrum of influences from the acoustic singer / songwriter genre to Americana, folk rock and power pop and featured contributions from several talented musicians from Glasgows' vibrant music scene including **David Andrews**, **Neil Menzies**, **Ally MacLean (The Goldenhour)**, **Deborah Cooper (Mesmer Club, Infomaniacs)**, **Raymond McGinley (Teenage Fanclub)**, **Paul Tasker (Doghouse Roses)** and **Raymond Meade (The Ronelles / Ocean Colour Scene)**. Nine of the twelve album tracks were produced by **Raymond McGinley** in his home studio in Glasgow. The album featured three NS & The Infomaniacs singles, '**Break Me**' (which was featured as the audio backdrop in Eurosport's US Open tennis coverage), '**Ride The Tide**' and '**NY Reflection Song**' which received multiple plays on BBC Radio Scotland shows on it's release. In the first month following the album's release all twelve album tracks aired on radio stations across the globe, particularly in Europe, Japan and the USA. NS & The Infomaniacs played their first live date since their 2014 **Wickerman** appearance when they took to the stage for a hometown gig at **Stereo** in Glasgow in June 2018 following that up with a show at the unique setting of the world's oldest surviving music hall **The Panopticon** in Glasgow in September 2018 (please see website for press reviews & more details of airplay).



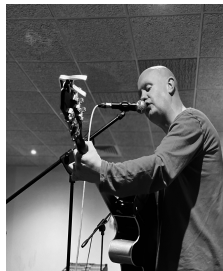
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Neil Sturgeon, David Andrews & Neil Menzies were previously members of Glasgow band **The Goldenhour** (1996-2006), who released 2 acclaimed albums '**Beyond The Beyond**' and '**Always In The Now**', playing over 250 live dates including 3 headline shows at Glasgows' renowned venue **King Tuts Wah Wah Hut** and supports with **Deep Purple & Lynyrd Skynyrd (SECC)**, **The Prisoners** and **Dave Davies of The Kinks** amongst others. The band's hammond driven sound drew comparisons with The Small Faces, Inspiral Carpets and 1960's garage rock.

In the early days of the band's existence The Goldenhour were voted best unsigned band in Scotland by influential events magazine **The List**. The band also performed at Glasgow music festival **Gig On The Green**, **Glasgow's Hogmanay Celebrations**, and provided live support at the world premiere of **Pulp's 'This Is Hardcore'** film at the Princes Gardens during the **Edinburgh Festival**. The Goldenhour featured on hundreds of radio / tv shows including live sessions for **Billy Sloan (Clyde 1)** and **Jim Gellatly (Beat 106 / XFM)**. **Sky Sports** have also used the bands music on numerous occasions to complement their coverage and the band appeared on two occasions on **Scottish Television (STV)** music shows. A compilation of the group's early work was issued by **New York label Kool Kat** in 2010. Prior to his time in **The Goldenhour** Neil Sturgeon appeared regularly as a solo act and already has a solo album '**Nothinghead**' under his belt which was released prior to The Goldenhour being formed. When the album was released Neil toured the UK, performing around 60 times, from intimate pub venues to theatres and concert halls. One of the album tracks 'Buffalo Springfield' was used as a background theme on the **Oprah Winfrey** show. His songwriting skills were also in demand when he composed the musical soundtrack to the **David Belcher** play '**Partick Thistle Football Crazy**' which enjoyed a 5 night sell out run at Glasgow Pavilion and led to an appearance on **BBC Scotland's Sportscene** TV show. Way back at the beginning of Neil's musical career in the early 1990's Neil was a member of Glasgow indie band **A Chocolate Morning** who released a couple of vinyl EP's / singles, one of which '**This Isn't Mine**' received airplay on the legendary **John Peel** show on **Radio 1**. ACM earned an excellent live reputation and supported **Teenage Fanclub**, **Thousand Yard Stare**, **Wreckless Eric** and played to over five thousand music fans at **Radio Clyde's Kelvingrove Festival** event in 1993.

Past Live Dates

In recent years Neil has performed both as a solo acoustic act and with various line ups of **Neil Sturgeon & The Infomaniacs** taking in venues such as Glasgow's **King Tuts Wah Wah Hut**, **ABC2**, **Stereo**, **The Old Hairdresser's** and at events such as **Liverpool IPO Festival**, **The Wickerman Festival**, **Glasgow South Side Festival**, **Merchant City Festival**, **West End Festival**, **Gig In The Gail** and **Live at Troon**. Artists supported in the recent past include **Ian McNabb**, **Eleanor McEvoy**, **Martin Stephenson**, **Pete Wylie & The Mighty Wah!** and **Proud Mary**. Neil has also enjoyed playing live and recording with various other musicians including ex-**Cosmic Rough Riders** frontman **Daniel Wylie** (appearing on Wylie's four most recent albums and playing guitar as part of Wylie's band in a couple of tours of Spain and various UK dates) and talented folk musician **Celine Donoghue** (at venues including Glasgow's **Royal Concert Hall**, **ESPN @ Open Golf Tournament**, **St.Andrews**, **Irvine Marymass Festival**, many **Celtic Connections** events and folk clubs around the UK).



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