

Stephen Inglis releases “Learning You By Heart”



‘Learning You By Heart’ is 13 tracks of one of kind musical magic that will take you on a journey of old Mexico, the islands of Oahu and Hawaii, then back to Ole El Paso. It touches on the spirit of Americana Country.

I’ve been listening to music my entire life but I’ve never really heard of Slack Key guitar. This is Stephen’s unique gift. His style of guitar playing originated in Hawaii and was inspired by music that came from North America, Portugal, Puerto Rico and the Samoan and Tahitian Islands.

It is a beautiful and elegant style of playing because of it’s intricate and detailed yet free flowing form.



Stephen is in keeping with some exceptional company such as legendary artists Jerry Garcia, country artist Chet Atkins, Gram Parsons, and Sonny Chillingworth who by some reports, has been regarded as the most influential slack key guitarist in history.

Soon to embark on a tour of Tokyo, Japan, Stephen will be performing at the Hawaiian Slack Guitar Festival and then move on throughout the Pacific Northwest.

“Learning You By Hand” is an eclectic blend of folk, blue grass, country, and folk/rock. It exudes happiness, freedom and



His accomplishments are a testimony to his many talents and how dedicated he is to his musical career. Stephen has toured with some of the most talented of musicians in their field. Bill Kreutzmann, 30 year career drummer for the Grateful Dead, and Grammy award winning Rev. Dennis Kamakahi, legendary Hawaiian slack key recording artist. The album recorded with iconic guitarist Dennis Kamakahi won the Na Hoku Hanohano Award, similar to our Grammy’s, and that album currently is available to view on display permanently in the Washington DC Smithsonian Institute.

In 2009 Stephen was nominated for a Grammy for his song Redwood Slack Key that was featured on a collection called Hawaiian Slack Key Kings Compilation. In 2011 he received the



Hawaii Music Award for Folk Album of the year “Slackin’ in Dylan. 201 was an exciting year when he received the Na Hoku Hanohano Award for Waimaka Helelei, Slack Key Album of the Year. Bringing up the following year in 2013 for Hip Hop Album of the year Evasive Species Lie at Soulsound.

“Maria Luisa” is easy listening and soft dancing with intimate sashays of prose. Loved this song, it took me to the islands and back across the waters to Old Mexico. This EP gives you the ability to use your imagination along with the song and have

your fantasy’s come to life.

Stephen Inglis is one of the most versatile artists on the scene at this time. Fresh out of his teens and into his twenties Stephen was taking a huge leap by starting a band with Bill Kreutzmann. He’s on top of what the fans and listeners want and he knows how to bring them back for more.

His music is fresh, clean and genuine not redundant. A lot of the groups and independent artists on the music scene today use a lot of prefabricated tracks and loops, not Stephen. He dedicates true talent to this album and it shows with his collaboration with Gavan Daws who is a world legendary writer and film maker. Their collaboration on “Learning You By Heart” and three other songs on the album is epic.



“Lay Your Dagger Down” could be described as Americana Rhythm & Blues/Folk Rock. It jumps, bumps, and keeps your feet tapping.

Stephen has opened for iconic performers Diamond Rio, Sublime, and The Specials along with playing sold out shows in the US. For more information on Stephen Inglis and this new collection of tunes please visit the following sites.

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