

Biography

Since my late teens, songwriting and recording has always been my main passion. Throughout the eighties and nineties, I was encouraged by some "commercial" recognition when I was commissioned to score and record theme music for some ACCESS television series and various PSAs. During this time I was heavily involved in co-writing, recording and performing with various folk ensembles.

In the mid 80' I enjoyed working with my first multi-track recorder. Then, in the late nineties, digital technology allowed me to record MIDI and multiple analogue tracks... and burn my own CD's... all from the comfort of a home studio!!

The digital recording learning curve was steep but enjoyable and although my first couple of CDs are long since retired, the experience and knowledge I gained set the stage for the creation of our record label *The Hermit's Music*. Co-founded in 2009 with fellow songwriter Dave Kilbank, we published 2 collaborative albums: ***Travelers*** and ***Fire on the Horizon***.

The years that followed saw the roster of songwriters grow. It has been an absolute joy to collaborate and co-write with all of the artists on the Hermit's Music label. It is also a pleasure and privilege to wear the producer's hat and to contribute as a studio musician to many of the albums we've published.

As for my own projects:

- ***Out of the Blue***, is a collection of guitar Instrumentals, which experiments with various styles and soundscapes.
- ***Deciduous Heart*** In the spring of 2016 I inherited a nice old Biddle piano. This beautiful, early 1900's piano opened up new musical mountains to explore. 2017 brought me back into "Hermit Mode" composing and producing this collection of piano instrumentals. The songs have very diverse textures and moods.
- ***Today is the Day*** is an album built around those "A-HA" moments in life. Pivotal moments that shape beliefs or the way we see ourselves the world.
- ***Another World*** is another collection of guitar instrumentals. The title track had a second place finish in the prestigious *John Lennon Songwriting Contest* in the World Music category.
- ***Attic Dust*** took some favorite songs from those early "retired" CDs and then re-imagined and re-engineered them.

For me, music is ultimately an emotional and cathartic outlet. What I create and what others bring to the music is recorded and made available for your enjoyment. Hope it will bring you as much joy listening as we've had creating. Always happy to hear from fans

Cheers,

Paul

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