

PRESS RELEASE

Charlie Barnes *More Stately Mansions*

Artist: Charlie Barnes

Album: *More Stately Mansions*

Tracks:

1. More Stately Mansions
2. Sing To God
3. Easy, Kid
4. Balloons
5. Ghosts
6. Macbeth, Macbeth, Macbeth
7. House
8. Dresden
9. Hammers
10. Film

Released: 11th May 2015

Label: Superball Music

Format: Download/Physical

For fans of: Oceansize, Radiohead, Muse



“Truly promising...”- **Drowned in Sound**

Charlie Barnes releases his debut album *More Stately Mansions* via **Superball Music** on **11th May 2015**.

The album's title is taken from **Kurt Vonnegut's** short story of the same name, a story which explores the idea of 'keeping up with the Joneses'. It's this theme that Charlie has hooked his album around as he explores his own inner workings - his past, present and future and, to be more exact, the kind of person he wants to avoid becoming.

Although this is Charlie Barnes, it's not a solo project, Charlie Barnes is very much a band in every sense of the word. Musical inspirations range from **Edith Piaf** to **St Vincent** to **Mew** and it's this rich tapestry of influences that have given *More Stately Mansions* diverse sound ranging from sweeping melodies and crescendoing vocals ("Sing To God") to quieter, more introspective moments ("Balloons", "Ghosts") and joyous moments of pure alt rock ("Macbeth, Macbeth, Macbeth"). It's this explorative sound that sets Charlie apart from the array of bland singer songwriters currently on the scene.

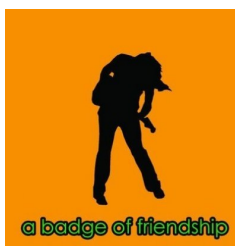
The album was produced by **Steve Durose** of **Oceansize**. The band are all massive fans of Oceansize which is prevalent from their precise musicianship and the more cerebral elements of the album.

Drowned in Sound and **Prog Magazine** have already noted Charlie's talent and he's already supported bands like **Secret Chiefs 3** and opened for **Vessels** and **The Twilight Sad** as a solo artist.

To help promote the album, Charlie was also asked by Leeds based coffee roastery **North Star** to create his own signature blend. He spent a lot of his early twenties playing solo in coffee houses around the UK and Europe, whilst working part-time making coffee back home in Leeds and it seems to have paid off.

More Stately Mansions is bold and elegant, proving that Charlie Barnes is a strong contender for one of the most exciting new acts of 2015 - a true, rare talent.

- Charlie Barnes is available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request
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