

## Album PRESS RELEASE

# Various: *Leader of the Starry Skies*

**Artist:** Various

**Album Title:** *Leader of the Starry Skies*

### Tracks:

1. Savour - **William D. Drake**
2. Big Ship - **Ultrasound**
3. Fear - **Oceansize**
4. Let Alone My Plastic Doll - **Mark Cawthra**
5. Day Is Gone - **The Trudy**
6. Foundling - **Stars In Battledress**
7. Will Bleed Amen - **Max Tundra featuring Sarah Measures**
8. Shaping The River - **Julianne Regan**
9. The Stench Of Honey - **Knifeworld**
10. Is This The Life - **mikrokosmos**
11. March - **North Sea Radio Orchestra**
12. Victory Egg - **Sidi Bou Said**
13. Wind And Rains Is Cold - **Rose Kemp Vs Rarg**
14. Lillywhite's Party - **Robert White featuring Andy Partridge**
15. Up In Annie's Room - **Katharine Blake**
16. Stoneage Dinosaurs - **Steven Wilson**
17. Home Of Fadeless Splendour - **The Scaramanga Six**



**Release Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Label:** Genepool

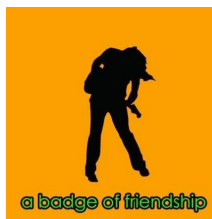
**Format:** CD

*Leader Of The Starry Skies* is a tribute to **Tim Smith**, lead singer of **Cardiacs**, who has been tragically stuck in hospital for two years after suffering a heart attack. The 17 tracks on the album aren't so much covers as they are tributes to one man's beautiful music; music that inspired a generation of underground musicians to pick up an instrument to create something that they wanted to hear rather than settle for what was being played to them on the radio.

**Tim Smith's** cryptic and experimental songwriting style makes it impossible not to hear how much influence **Cardiacs** have had on the current wave of British alternative artists. Each track has very much been a labour of love for the artists involved, impeccably recreating the signature sound that made **Cardiacs** stand head and shoulders above their contemporaries. *Leader of the Starry Skies* creates an atmosphere that's almost carnival like in nature, plunging the listener into a world of psychedelia, soaked in progressive punk. With luck, this album will introduce the work of **Tim Smith** and **Cardiacs** to a new generation of potential artists, showing them that you don't always have to colour inside the lines to be creative.

Organised by ex-Cardiacs **Bic Hayes** and **Mark Cawthra**, Cardiacs' guitarist **Kavus Torabi** and Spratley's Japs singer **Jo Spratley**, *Leader Of The Starry Skies* features contributions from **Oceansize**, **Steven Wilson** (of **Porcupine Tree**) **Andy Partridge** (of **XTC**), **Max Tundra**, **Knifeworld**, **North Sea Radio Orchestra** and many more.

All profits from the sale of this album will go directly to **Tim Smith**.



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