

ALBUM PRESS RELEASE

Universal Thee *All Watched Over By Machines of Loving Grace*

Artist: Universal Thee

Album: *All Watched Over By Machines of Loving Grace*

Tracks:

1. Why
2. Keep Falling
3. Speaker
4. Xang
5. Lost at Sea
6. Hey
7. Hamlet 3
8. Sail Away
9. Hounds
10. Light On

Release: 19th February 2016

Label: Eventual Heirs Records

Format: CD / Download

For fans of: Pixies, Weezer, Teenage Fanclub, Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin



“...starry-eyed Pixies-meets-Pavement skew-whiff dynamics...”

- **The Sunday Herald**

Enchanting, power-pop five piece **Universal Thee** return with their sophomore album, ***All Watched Over By Machines of Loving Grace***, the follow up to the critically lauded debut ***Back To Earth***. The album is due for release on 19th February 2016 via **Eventual Heirs Records**.

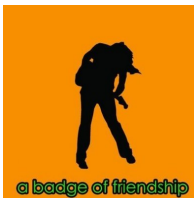
All Watched Over By Machines of Loving Grace sees the band make a natural progression in their sound, with a more focused, more intense record evolving throughout the recording process as Universal Thee embrace the nuances of a bigger polished production as well as an increased level of complexity to their songwriting.

The result is a record that captures all of their most positive skills as a band, constructing songs with an immediacy which is difficult to achieve, as contagious harmonies are married with memorable melodies and wonderfully crafted musicianship. Album opener ‘Why’ leads from the front, setting the tone for an album that contains ten tracks of glowing, uplifting alt-pop. Harnessing the influences of bands such as **Teenage Fanclub**, **Pixies** and current favourites **Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin**, ‘Why’ features the band’s compelling guitar licks, boy/girl harmonies and ear-worm like choruses. ‘Xang’ and ‘Sail Away’ exhibit a grittier side to their songwriting, while forthcoming single *Speaker* has the potential to capture the imagination of a much wider audience.

Having all studied at Dundee University, **James Russell** (guitar & vocals), **Lisa Russell** (vocals), **Robin Spivey** (guitar) **Andrew Perrie** (bass) formed the band in Edinburgh, with **Matt Grieve** (drums) a recent addition. Universal Thee have been building their name north of the border playing a number of shows supporting the likes of **Ded Rabbit** as well as an appearance on the pyramid stage at the **Kelburn Garden Party Festival**. With more tours planned over the coming months, a debut London show in the works and the forthcoming release of their brand new album, 2016 is looking like a year where Universal Thee will spread their wings even further afield.

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- Universal Thee are available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request
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