

Tales From The Western Isles – The Delerium Trees

Review by Steve Inglis, singer/songwriter

After the first minute you know you're going nowhere but to the magical lands and islands of this album, and what an adventure.

The ethereal beauty of the first two songs, St. Kilda* and St Clement's Church (Harris) with musical themes that connect this new album with the past songs. A theme of being at home amongst these far-flung islands.

It's a very emotional sound of instruments with brass foremost calling out to hearts and souls. There is tragic history and merry dance. Above it all is the soul of a man passionate and proud of these grey rocks and thrashing seas, but a place for a cup of tea, a tune, a dance across the sea to the safe harbour that is The Delerium Trees.

This is a proud piece of musical magic with all instruments played Drew Jarvie. Unique and astonishing in its making, it is an emotional tribute to the lives lost in the seas just off the islands.

But these are just words.

Please listen and truly enjoy.

*Higher Ground from the album Swimming With The Ghost Angels was written on St. Kilda.