

CHRIS GRAY BIOGRAPHY

Chris Gray is a singer songwriter from the Isle of Man. He regularly performs live as a solo acoustic artist and with his band. Chris opened shows for; Roger Daltrey, Peter Green, Status Quo, Matt Cardle, Feeder and played alongside The Charlatans, Simon Townshend and Turin Brakes. He headlined the Deep South Fest and the Liverpool Food and Drink Fest and will open for John Power in Nov/14. Chris's music has been played on BBC Introducing (Cumbria) and featured numerous times on Isle of Man radio stations, 3FM and Manx Radio; Liverpool stations, Liver Radio, Halton Community Radio, and Wolfman Radio. He was a featured artist on BBC ALBA's TV travel program and his new EP is played on Celtic Music Radio and the stations above.

In 2013 Chris was asked to record a cover of The Kinks classic song <u>'Waterloo Sunset'</u> for the <u>Peter Quaife Foundation</u>. While recording, he worked on creating a 4 track EP (Don't Lose Your Way) with music producer, Tony Lowe. At this time, Chris' genuine calibre of music was witnessed firsthand; he was signed by indie label <u>Sunn Creative</u>.



Tony Lowe's production credits include Simon Townshend – David Cross – Robert Fripp - Yumi Hara Cawkwell – Toyah Willcox – John Foxx – Chris Gray - Gari Glaysher – Pat Orchard – Poppy Gonzalez – Jose Charles – VVV – Flying Colours – Dean Johnson – Rukiza Okera. As a musician Tony played with Julian Lennon – Pet Shop Boys – Simon Townshend – Roger Daltrey – David Cross – Mark Brzezicki – Mike Peters (Big Country) – Modern English – Bram Stoker – Zoh and Nazia Hassan – B Movie – Phil Ramone – BBC Children in Need – Alvin Stardust - Pat Orchard – Visage – Pooka – Nicola Hitchcock – Belouis Some – Julien Clerc – Toyah Willcox – Ben Chapman – Soulseekerz – Phil Spalding – Steve Gee - and many more.

Chris creates heartfelt melodies, dynamic folk overtones and engaging lyrics and in the past has been compared to the likes of Noel Gallagher, Elliott Smith, James Taylor and Bob Dylan. Chris' influences range from Fleetwood Mac to Ray Lamontagne, Otis Redding to The La's.

Chris' easy going attitude to life is reflected in his charismatic and unassuming songs.

- "For me, it feels natural, I don't tend to think about the songwriting process too much guess I'm fortunate. I just like writing music"
- "When I write a song, I usually have the music before I add words mainly, people and situations in my life inspire me the most."

April 2015 is the release of 'Diamonds In Your Tree' - Chris' debut album, produced by Tony Lowe.

Chris's music is available as an EP and on download formats at Amazon, iTunes & Bandcamp.