
NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Gandalf - 2009/02/16 00:26

8New Dylan Album

As trailed in ISIS Magazine (see The Wicked Messenger #6649 for January 4, 2009), a completely new Bob Dylan album is in the can. Our understanding is that the album was recorded last October in California (maybe with the recording sessions starting slightly earlier than that). The sequencing of the tracks was completed in January and the album is expected to contain ten tracks.

Jeff Rosen has brought the finished album to Europe for listening sessions in various cities including London, Munich and Oslo. These "listenings" were mainly for sales and marketing staff at Sony. We must assume that similar sessions have taken place in the United States. Several different titles have been put forward for the album but, for the most part, these seem to be little more than internet babble and at the time of the listenings (mid February) no title had been decided upon. At one time, it was suggested that the album would be released in the autumn, then a release date in May 2009 was mentioned but it seems that the release has now been brought forward to the last week of April, to coincide with later stages of Dylan's forthcoming European tour. There are strong rumours about the circumstances in which the album came about (See entry for "My Own Love Song" below). There are also rumours that the musicians on the album are not all from the current touring band.

Meanwhile, we will leave you to speculate on the coincidence of any additional London concert date (April 26) and the release of a new album.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by LaughsLikeTheFlowers - 2009/02/16 02:00

Very interesting indeed. :woohoo:

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Henry Porter - 2009/02/16 05:21

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by andrew - 2009/02/16 13:22

Henry Porter wrote:

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Good news as far as I'm concerned, & I'm not one who thinks that everything the current band does is crap. I think some new musicians might spur Bob on to try something new as far as his sound goes.

Here's hoping for that late April release date for this album & no BS like selling it exclusively at Walmart or charging \$50 for a deluxe edition that has a couple of extra tracks.

andrew

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by icq - 2009/02/16 17:40

did Dylan ever release an album in the middle of a tour?

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by JudasPriest - 2009/02/16 18:40

Modern Times was released mid tour but none of its songs were debuted until the following leg commenced.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Bob Zimmerman - 2009/02/16 18:41

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Posted by dankrass - 2009/02/16 19:42

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Great news that Benmont Tench is involved, I loved his playing on the 87 tour.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by JudasPriest - 2009/02/17 20:29

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Bob Zimmerman - 2009/02/18 08:32

^^^ RS quoted this board. Oh, joy to mankind!

In any event, this sounds like the HW project more then ever.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by MoonlightAlone - 2009/02/18 08:59

okay. HOW stoned am i?

is this rolling stone article quoting the freaking NEP as a source for new album rumors???? or have i done onnnnne too many. help. hahahhahaha. is this some fan written report?

<http://www.rollingstone.com/blogs/smokingsection/2009/02/rumors-fly-about-new-bob-dylan.php>

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by MoonlightAlone - 2009/02/18 09:12

yanno maybe it's this freakish ginsberg/dylan stuff playing in the background 'cause up to now i was excited about the rumors but not freaked out, but i swear ENOUGH already i'm about to freak the FREAKING OUT ALREADY!!!!!!!!!!

i want hard news and i want it now. no, i don't want to be reasonable, i don't want to be patient. i don't want to have an actual life and not really give a shit about this kinda thing and be thinking "well wtf is the big deal" i want news. i want actual news. with names and lists and dates and bylines and sources that aren't deepfreakingthroat in a freaking underground car garage whispering "follow jeff rosen around europe"...

okay?????? is that too much to ask? am i being UNREASONABLE? ANYONE? :angry:

okay. i feel better now. carry on.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by MoonlightAlone - 2009/02/18 09:26

now it's in the new yorker.

the new yorker. MAN this is good pot. has everyone already read this? wtf? :blink:

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/goingson/2009/02/new-dylan-album.html>

someone please tell me i'm not the only person who can see these pages. hahahahaha.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by wildfishes - 2009/02/18 10:09

I see 'em too Moonlight. I'm not sure I wanted to, but I see 'em.

NEP as a source for a Rolling Stone blog? New Yorker quoting vague fan rumors? What's this world coming to?

And by the way, I think that's the first time I've seen that Weird Al "Bob" video linked to the New Yorker blurb...pretty clever. Of course, I'm at the age where I can hide my own Easter eggs, so I'm not sure I hadn't seen it before.

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by you ever seen a ghost? - 2009/02/18 15:03

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Posted by AWA - 2009/02/18 15:59

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I was at the first 3 shows after Modern Times was released. No Modern Times, quite disappointing. Someone effed up on the scheduling for that one for sure. Oddly enough, there hasn't been a ballpark tour since (thank God).

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Not Henry Porter - 2009/02/18 16:45

Well, it is at least conceivable that sources might have only some accurate information. But as you say, they could be wrong altogether.

Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by downthehighway - 2009/02/18 17:22

I hope it is a total departure from "Modern Times". It is not an album that was particularly great; interesting, but not anything like "Love and Theft". Hearing that Mike Campbell and Bentmont Tench might be in on this project too has me very interested. Would love to be a fly on the wall for those listening sessions!

Kelly

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Posted by dankrass - 2009/02/18 17:27

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A private non-Dylan-related message board.

Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by Nutopia - 2009/02/18 17:41

Rollingstone.com has referenced the NEP a few times before, including direct quotes from a few posters (AWA comes to mind.) Back when they released the 'Dylan' box set - which was apparently made up of fan-requested songs - they reported on what songs us NEPpers had spoke up about (including mine, though I wasn't quoted directly.)

Don't kid yourself - lots of people read these sites. What I find interesting is that they're reading THIS site and not some of the others. My guess is that they get scared by those posts out there on other sites about people who want to diddle Dylan. :laugh: We may be a "hardcore fan site" but we're not THAT hardcore... :woohoo:

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"Sources" can include basically anyone. Your sources are different then mine, which are different then, say, dankrass's. RS and the New Yorker's "sources" include this place, which, I'm sorry to say, is NOT an authority this. If anyone had that kind of info to confirm this sort of thing, an internet message board would NOT be the place they divulge it. Because no one can name their sources (and I'm not saying you should), theres no reason for anyone else to believe them

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As far as I know - and I may be wrong - the 'Smoking Section' at RollingStone is nothing more than a blog/rumor mill, rather than their more official journalism side of things. So they can basically report/say whatever they want over there - which is probably why they got away with using us as a source.

The New Yorker - ya, that's just weird. However, we do have to remember that "news leaks" are often used as the start of a promotional marketing campaign to start building interest. Since we really don't know a who's who online, we never really know who is leaking something to someone and whether or not it's accurate. But, since there seems to have been a number of leaks recently - and they seem to be somewhat consistent - I guess that was good enough for the New Yorker... which is pretty bad!

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Re:NEW DYLAN ALBUM

Posted by MoonlightAlone - 2009/02/18 18:50

ahhhh, i was wondering about that rolling stone section. anytime you see "blog" these days yanno.

thanks for the info. and i'm glad i'm not the only one a little freaked out by that NY'er thing. thanks for talkin' me down. hahahaha (you and fishes) :laugh:

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