

***'What You Know'* – the new album from Mike Hanrahan**

Mike Hanrahan releases his new album ***What You Know*** on Friday September 20th through Dinky Records.

The name **Mike Hanrahan** is instantly recognisable as one of Ireland's finest musical talents. Long time vocalist, songwriter and guitarist with the legendary *Stocktons Wing*, he joined the band in 1979 staying with them until he decided to pursue a solo career in 1995. Throughout his time with *Stocktons Wing*, Mike was responsible for many of the bands most successful songs including '*Beautiful Affair*', a song which still gets a considerable amount of airplay on radio stations across the country proving just how timeless the man's music is.

In 1997 he joined forces with *Ronnie Drew* for the theatre show "*Ronnie I Hardly Knew Ya*", and produced Ronnies "The humour is on me now" which the pair toured extensively in such far flung countries as Israel, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Denmark, Britain and the U.S.A. The show consisting of music and anecdotes also had an 8-week run at Dublin's Andrews Lane Theatre as well as being well received at the 1998 Edinburgh Fringe Festival. In between song writing, touring and recording Mike has also managed to find time to be chairman of the Irish Music Rights Organisation (I.M.R.O.).

The new album ***What You Know***, a collection of 11 new songs, sees Mike once again in fine song writing form with some stunning solo compositions as well as co-writes with Sonny Condell, Brendan Graham, Shay McNelis and Eamon Murray.

What You Know is an album of many contrasts. "*Firefighter*", the cornerstone of the album was inspired by Mike's late father and features some fine guitar and fiddle work, with some outstanding bass grooves from Garvan Gallagher. "*Garden of Roses*", while being a little dark is a salute to the victims of abuse as they journey to healing, a song that Mike is particularly proud of. Then there is "*Vapour Trail*", a song co-written with Sonny Condell with its retro sounding guitar and keyboards, to mention but three.

What You Know was recorded at The Works, Dublin in June of this year and produced by Sonny Condell. The album features Garvan Gallagher (bass and backing vocals), Eddie McGinn (drums/percussion), Steve Flaherty (electric guitar), Siard De Jong (fiddle/bouzouki), Rod Callan (engineer), Sonny Condell (guitars/keyboards/piano/vocals) and Gina Condell (voice on "Falling Down").

What You Know, the new album from Mike Hanrahan is released on Friday September 20th 2002 and distributed by RMG. Tour dates will follow shortly.

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