

ILL STARRED CAPTAIN

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It's been another busy, hard-touring year for Ill-Starred Captain, one of Australia's more creative and resilient bands with the boy's intent on going out on a high note, with a packed itinerary of shows to close out 2015. In a year which has seen the two-piece folk/punk/surfadelic band travel thousands of kilometres across the country, playing amazing passionate live shows, they also continued the tracking of their fifth studio album. Ill-Starred Captain, comprising of singer/songwriter/guitarist Scott Bassham and drummer extraordinaire Justin Francis, will spend December 2015 illustrating exactly why they are held up as one of the most real and vital creative partnerships in Australian music.

Armed with nothing but their incredible sound and a complete dedication to their work ethic, Ill-Starred Captain has earned huge respect and an incredibly passionate following among music fans the world over, because of their insistence on forging a real and true path of their own, over the fifteen years of their existence. **"We have watched the music scene change and implode, we've watched bands and artists come and go", says Scott**". We have survived and prospered simply because we follow our own path. We have no record company funding us; we do EVERYTHING for ourselves, from writing the music to fixing the van, and hustling for the live shows also. There's nobody there to smooth our way, and that gives us an amazing freedom."

"We are incredibly lucky to be working artists in these times; embracing new technology and combining it with an almost medieval way of travelling! We can now sit by a campfire in the middle of the desert somewhere, and record soundtrack music at the same time! The days of waiting for the "music industry" to let us in are over, and that keeps us passionate and interested!" **"This total self-reliance has kept the band grounded, and allowed their muse to really soar over the last year", Says Scott**. To close out what has been an incredibly eventful year, Ill-Starred Captain are hitting the road throughout December, playing shows in their native South Australia, as well as their adopted home of Western Australia.

Scott & Justin thrive musically giving long term fans and new followers a chance to see them live in their natural element, playing wild-hearted live shows in fantastically diverse venues. **"A question often asked at our shows, is "how do you get that sound with only two people"? "It's all in what we don't play that allows our sound to shine through". Says Justin**. The band will also close out the tracking of their latest studio album, "Get Lucid (on the transcendental)", at Big Sound Studios in Adelaide, an album which promises to be their most far-reaching and creative to date. **"We are very proud and grateful for the year we've had in 2015, for all the challenges we've faced. I reckon this band is about to hit a whole new creative peak in 2016. What hasn't killed us has made us stronger than ever." Says Scott**.

I enjoy the fact that we can go on tour because we choose to continue and have the respect to do so. At the end of the day this gives us the creative freedom & the business can eat itself. I'm just hanging out to play some loud rock drums and chase those diamond sounds among my cymbals, jamming out with my mate". Says Justin. To celebrate the continuing mission of this fantastic band, don't miss catching Ill-Starred Captain's last shows for 2015! All the relevant gig dates can be accessed by visiting the bands website, <http://www.illstarredcaptain.com>

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