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A big welcome to our new readers. We would love to hear from you.

This month is mostly about the exciting new album and Russ's tour in Germany. Thanks to Markus in Germany, who is very good at getting Russ some radio play there and at picking up any play Russ gets anyway. He has sent us a short item about New York Groove.

We have a brand new podcast that Russ did this week and an interesting little something from the archives.

Sue

THIS MONTH - RUSS'S DIARY

A few weeks ago, I was asked by Frontiers if I would play some songs at their annual Summit meeting to be held at the Gold Tower Hotel in Naples on 3rd March. I liked the sound of that, so I did agree to play five, unplugged songs from my new double albums - 'Songs from Warehouse' & 'Rewired'.

I must say, The Gold Tower was the perfect venue and Frontiers, the perfect people to host the event.

Playing unplugged isn't something I'm used to, so I had to modify the arrangement of my songs. Strumming the guitar is not my usual style, however I found going out of my comfort zone was a buzz. Apart from kicking the p.a. System monitor off the stage in a kick of enthusiastic choreography, while singing New York Groove (the audience appeared to like it) 😂. When I arrived home, I thought maybe I should challenge my comfort zone more often.



Russ at Frontiers summit. Photo by Frontiers.

RUSS - LIFE STORIES

This is summer 1966 - France, May to September - Backing Richard Anthony....

.....So, here we were [The Roulettes] going alone after backing Adam Faith from 1963 - 1966. Adam was taking a lot of time off from singing, which meant we, as his backing band were not earning. As luck would have it, music managers John Barker and Anne Niven offered us plenty of work....one of the projects was a tv series, backing singers, English and French stars.....Marianne Faithful, Mark Wynter and Lulu among others. The only French Artist I remember was Richard Anthony - One of the songs he decided to include was the Unit Four Plus Two number one, 'Concrete and Clay'....As it happens, Bob Henrit and I were the 'Plus Two' in that group.....We'd moonlighted from the Roulettes a couple of years before, to play as session musicians on that song. So after we'd recorded the song with Richard he was very happy with the result....so happy, he asked us if we would like to back him on a summer tour of France. Richard was a big star there and said he played regularly in the best venues, theatres and casinos. The tour would be from May to September and we'd be based in St. Tropez, which was close to where he lives in Gassin. He owned a Piper Aztec plane and we would be flying to the French Riviera venues, the Italian and Spanish concerts in that....Who could say no!!

I'll continue the story of Richard Anthony and The Roulettes in France, next month, My Friends....Love , Russ

SONGS FROM THE WAREHOUSE/THE HITS RE-WIRED



I hope you have been enjoying the singles released so far from Russ's new double album. What about his brand new song, **Resurrection**? Another potential classic! In case you have missed it so far, you can watch it on YouTube here.

<https://youtu.be/ff3zipbimB4?si=SFVzfcOT2z2HjpTj>

After a bit of a mix up from Frontiers, we now have a release date for the album. It is **April 25th**. It will be available on vinyl and as a CD. You can pre-order here....

<https://ffm.to/russballardsftw> For those of you who are lucky enough to be going to a gig during the Germany tour in April/May, there will be signed copies available there.

There are more singles to come. Look out on Russ's Facebook page. I will send out an extra email for new music. One more of those still to come.

Here are the track lists for the albums...

Songs From The Warehouse

CD1

- 1 Resurrection
- 2 Courageous
- 3 Journey Man
- 4 The One Who Breathes Me
- 5 The Wild
- 6 Charlatan
- 7 Soul Music
- 8 Sleepwalking
- 9 Last Man Standing
- 10 Make believe World
- 11 The Family Way
- 12 Fearless
- 13 The Last Amen

The Hits Re-Wired

CD2

- 1 Since You've Been Gone
- 2 Winning
- 3 God Gave Rock And Roll To You
- 4 Voices
- 5 New York Groove

- 6 You Can Do Magic
- 7 Liar
- 8 I Know There's Something Going On
- 9 I Surrender
- 10 No More The Fool
- 11 So You Win again
- 12 Free Me
- 13 On The Rebound

COMING UP SOON

RUSS BALLARD
Songs from the Warehouse
On **TOUR** 2025

28/4 HAMBURG Gruenspan
30/4 NÜRNBERG Hirsch
01/5 MÜNCHEN Muffatwerk
02/5 LUDWIGSBURG Scala
04/5 KARLSRUHE Tollhaus
05/5 AUGSBURG Spectrum
06/5 FREIBURG Jazzhaus
08/5 CH-RUBIGEN Mühle Hunziken

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This is coming up very quickly. If you are lucky enough to be in Germany and are close enough to one of these gigs, get your tickets as soon as you can.

There will be merch on sale at these gigs. As I said above, there will be signed CDs and vinyl. There are only small quantities of the vinyl. As they are signed, they will be priced accordingly. Also, there are tour t-shirts, caps and tote bags. The t-shirts, caps and tote bags are black and they all have the same logo (see below). The t-shirts have the tour dates on the back. One very important thing.....**it is CASH ONLY at all venues**, so best to visit the Geldautomat before you go.



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BRAND NEW PODCAST

Russ has had a busy week doing several podcasts. Here is the first of them from "Barstools and Bandtalk". It is approximately 30 minutes.

<https://youtu.be/8nnqUe3aiVY?si=C6HLYmMmU9X1YqKzI>



FROM MARKUS

Hello Sue,

yesterday evening on radio show "Classic Rock", Tom Glas played Hello's New York Groove - and told the story behind that song 😊. Of course I know the story, yet it was never told on radio.

Best wishes

Markus

For those who speak German, Markus has sent us the intro to NYG from the radio programme. The only way I can get it into the newsletter is by attachment above (or below depending on your email set up). It is safe to open and is only 1:20.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

An unusual track from the Roulettes. This was never released...**Got No Time To** with **Albatross**, an instrumental written by Russ, which would have been the B-side. Recorded possibly 1965/6. This just popped up again on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/aTP8Dvbe0-M?si=ilP20zzc8MUBUfCr>

DAVE'S COVER QUEST

This month features a singer who had his first big hit in 1968 as part of a duo called **The Marbles**. Their song **Only One Woman**, a **Bee Gees** composition, reached No.5 in the UK. He would go on to have further chart success in 1979 and 1980 with two classic **Rainbow** hits, before leaving to pursue other opportunities, which included joining the Michael Schenker Band, Alcatraz and Impellitteri, before forming his own band.

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Livin' in Suspicion by The Graham Bonnet Band

Skegness born Graham Bonnet knows who to turn to for a great song. After all, he was the voice behind Rainbow's hit singles **Since You Been Gone**, written by Russ, and the follow up **All Night Long**. It was therefore no surprise when he called on Russ to write a song for his 2018 album, **Meanwhile, Back in the Garage**. Its alarming to think that four-decades have elapsed between having the Rainbow hits and this month's featured Russ Ballard song, but it proves beyond doubt that Russ hasn't lost any of his writing skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZ9gC8QUL3I>



[Graham Bonnet Band - "Livin' In Suspicion" \(Official Music Video\)](#)

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