

# Press Release

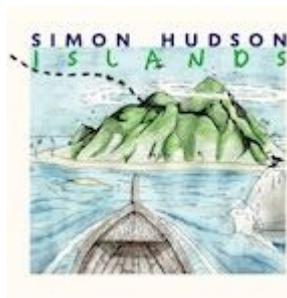
EP *Islands* by Simon Hudson

*“The bottom line is globetrotter Hudson’s soul, folk, dance-pop, funk and latin standards as skilful and casual as ever”*

- **Diabolo Mox** online magazine, Germany



*Islands* is the third release for Simon, the Australian singer-songwriter whose highly original music weaves a captivating blend of world, roots and folk. *Islands* launched globally 19th June 2020 through label **Songs & Whispers** (Germany), distributed by **Broken Silence** (Germany).



Name *Islands* because while recording it, Simon travelled back and forth between various islands - in Brazil, Cuba, and Australia. Travelling like this can feel like a sailor approaching unknown lands, and this is some kind of map for exploring uncharted territory. *Islands* is a fascinating mix that trips lightly between Latin, folk and a slice of classic 70s funk.

The first single *Travelling Salesman* (Apr 2020) was released with a film clip. It’s an ode to the life of the touring musician - when you visit so many places with guitar and suitcase in hand, the hardest place to find is home. The vibrant second single is a guaranteed dancefloor favourite, the traditional Brazilian song *Magalenha* (May 2020) about a woman dancing in the summer sun.

In support of this EP release, Simon also released clip *Your Boat* (Mar 2020), originally taken from his debut EP, a catchy summer tune about being there for your friends.

Simon is a guitarist singer-songwriter whose highly original music is a captivating blend of world, roots and folk, with influences including Carlinhos Brown, The Cat Empire, Jose Gonzalez, Neil Finn, and Paul Simon. Based in Melbourne, Australia, his five international tours have included European summer festival appearances, German national radio, Cuban national TV, and pan-American radio.

Simon plays solo, with a quartet, and anywhere up to dozens of band members including horns and thundering Brazilian percussion. His previous releases include crowd-funded album *Earthman* (2016) and EP *Time and Space* (2012). His intended European *Islands* launch tour (July 2020) was postponed by Covid-19 until the following year, including Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

*“Handclaps, hazel-eyed soul and acoustic honesty”*

Mikey’s Must-See Three, **Hit magazine**, Herald Sun, Australia

*“Earthman is a wonderfully-made album, whose music is somewhere between relaxed soul, pop and world music. The quality of the music prevails.”*

**Polyprisma** online magazine, Germany