

MICHAEL ANDREWS

Just A Thought / Orange Meets Lemon
Released on March 26th on We Love You

Michael Andrews – composer of the score for modern film classic Donnie Darko and producer, arranger and co-performer of it's number one single Mad World, featuring Gary Jules – makes his solo debut with the double A-side single Just A Thought / Orange Meets Lemon released on March 26th on We Love You.

Orange Meets Lemon has a simple surrealism, its peculiar analogy made real by Andrews' delicate production and sincere delivery. It echoes the more eccentric moments of Nilsson and Cat Stevens, where a lyric of superficial whimsy is presented with such conviction and care that it breathes realism.

Andrews first heard a version of Just A Thought, a cover of the rare 'folk-funk' classic recorded by Cross Country in the 70s, at a friend's wedding. On his version, Andrews allows the song to sit back on its heels before letting it hit its stride with the sweetest of choruses. It's another example of Andrews' unfussy but no less atmospheric production style.

The elegance of these arrangements, and the care and economy of production, is characteristic of Andrews' debut solo album Hand On String, set for release on We Love You on April 23rd. It is an intrinsically beautiful amalgam of songs, recorded at his purpose-built home studio, and represents a small window into his creative secret garden, exposing a world of whirling soundscapes, dancing guitar lines and charming songs.

As a composer, Andrews has scored such contemporary cult classics such as Me And You And Everyone We Know and Orange County in addition to Donnie Darko. He is currently working with legendary Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks on the score to Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story – a parody of recent biopics such as Walk The Line and Ray. Meanwhile his production credits include Brendan Benson, Inara George, Metric and, of course, Gary Jules. After years performing in various bands, and composing numerous scores, it is with Hand On String that Andrews finally puts his own life under the musical microscope.

Following a packed out one-off show in London recently, Andrews is returning in March for a run of UK dates – details of which will be announced shortly.

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