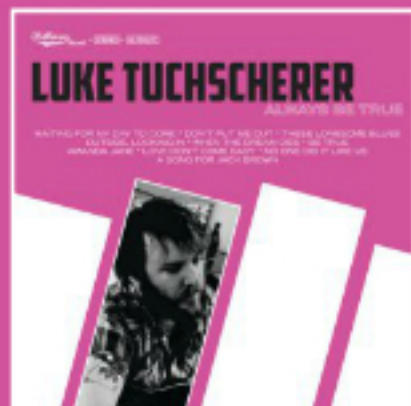




**LUKE
TUCHSCHERER**
Always Be True

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Waiting For My Day To Come / Don't Put Me Out / These Lonesome Blues / Outside Looking In / When The Dream Dies / Be True / Amanda Jane / Love Don't Come Easy / No One Did It Like Us / A Song For Jack Brown

Producer: Tom Peters

Clubhouse Records

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This is Luke Tuchscherer's second solo album, the cognoscenti will recall he was part of an outfit called The Whybirds a few years ago, with an official release date of June 2nd a very strong album it is too. In fact the combination of self penned songs and excellent production could tip this one over into the 'must have' category for an awful lot of people.

Tuchscherer says he "wanted to make an album where (he) could play pretty much every song live – no matter what the gig"; apparently some of the songs on his debut album only really worked in what he describes as "sit down and shut up venues". I can certainly imagine all of these working

equally well for a solo performer or a band, so I guess he has achieved that objective.

Whilst there isn't a sub-standard track on here, personal favourites are the opener for the catchy arrangement plus apposite lyrics and *Be True* for its sheer exuberance. Respect must also be given to *A Song For Jack Brown*; I won't detail the back story here but it's a delightful song delivering hope from a tragic inspiration.

So, if the name Luke Tuchscherer is new to you and you're not sure if this will be your thing or not – let me try to help. They label it Americana but thankfully, unlike some others attaching that tag to their music, this is not a bunch of folk songs

unwilling to call themselves by that F-word. If you appreciate good singer songwriter albums you will appreciate this album. If you like your country on the outlaw side, if you enjoy a well written slow song, if quality musicianship makes you nod your head and smile then you will appreciate this album.

There are some live dates arranged to link with the album launch and details of these can be found at www.luketuchscherer.co.uk along with the opportunity to have a preview listen to some of these tracks. Give it a go, I think you might agree it is gratifying to find British talent putting out original material of such quality.

Chris Smith