

Dinosaurs Released!

MJ Hibbett & The Validators' fantastic new album Dinosaur Planet is released today, and they're celebrating with a new video, a facebook page, and a gig.

Dinosaur Planet is a full-cast science fiction rock opera about what happens when the dinosaurs return to earth. A key defence against the dinosaurs (and the giant robots who show up later) is evidence-based research, which is praised in the new video for the song **Literature Search**.

The video is available on YouTube or on the new **Dinosaur Planet** facebook page, http://www.facebook.com/dinosaurplanet. Facebook fans will find a wealth of other features, including the video and free download for the album's lead track **Theme From Dinosaur Planet**, exclusive **Dinosaur Planet** t-shirts, combo deal bargains for the band's back catalogue, cast biographies, a history of the show and lots more.

MJ Hibbett & The Validators are playing a launch gig at the Wilmington Arms in London on Thursday 26 January. This is their first full-band show in the UK for almost two years, and they'll be playing several songs from Dinosaur Planet as well as old favourites like The Lesson Of The Smiths and Hey Hey 16K. Support comes from Lockyer & Eveleigh and Keith Top Of The Pops & His Minor UK Indie All-Star Celebrity Backing Band.

Dinosaur Planet is available today from all major online retailers, direct from the band's own website (http://www.dinosaurplanet.co.uk) or can be downloaded from iTunes, Spotify, and all other download sites.

Further Information

'Dinosaur Planet' is released on 23 January 2012 and will be on sale from all download sites and online stores or direct from www.dinosaurplanet.co.uk.

A free download of the single mix of 'Theme From Dinosaur Planet' with accompanying video is available now at www.dinosaurplanet.co.uk. On this site you can also find pen portraits and photographs of the cast, artwork, videos and an archive of press releases.

A launch gig is planned for 26 January 2012 at The Wilmington Arms, 69 Rosebery Avenue, London ECIR 4RL. Please get in touch if you'd like guest list places.

Background

'Dinosaur Planet' started off as an Edinburgh Fringe show. MJ Hibbett was inspired to write it after seeing a slightly disappointing one-man version of Jeff Wayne's 'War Of The Worlds' and deciding that he could do better.

Guest stars include Phil Wilson (The June Brides), Chris T-T, Keith Top Of The Pops, BBC One continuity announcer Claire Gibb and BBC Radio Tees DJ Bob Fischer.

MJ Hibbett & The Validators have performed live on Radio One, had a Record Of The Year in Rolling Stone, an Album Of The Day on 6Music, toured all around the world and very narrowly avoided writing an autobiography.

They're probably best known for 'Hey Hey 16K', the world's first ever internet viral hit.

Bass player Frankie Machine is a singer songwriter in his own right, and is also a former member of number one hit makers White Town. Drummer Tim Pattison toured Europe and the States with his previous band, Prolapse.

All of the album illustrations were drawn by John Allison, creator of the long running online comics Bad Machinery, Bobbins and Scarygoround.

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