

A Little Bit Of Help

When MJ Hibbett & The Validators needed a video for their new free download single 'A Little Bit' (released today) they asked their fans to give them a little bit of help.

The song is about people coming together to do little bits of research which, when added together, make huge changes to the way we live. The band decided to take this philosophy on board for the video, and sent out a call for help to their mailing list. People from all over the world took a line each of the song and interpreted it however they liked.

'Everyone really went to town with costumes and ideas' says lead singer MJ Hibbett. 'We could never have come up with so much variety or imagination if we'd done the video ourselves, and it just goes to show how much can be achieved when lots of people all contribute a little bit.'

The single is taken from MJ Hibbett & The Validators' new album 'Dinosaur Planet', in which an invasion of Earth by Space Dinosaurs is thwarted by good, evidence-based, academic research. It's a science fiction rock opera concept album, which has been called 'an indie War Of The Worlds' by CMU Daily, 'Jeff Wayne's new competition' by SFX and 'the greatest story (about space-faring dinosaurs) ever told (in a rock opera)' by Comics Alliance. 'You have to admire their nerve', said David Hepworth in Word Magazine.

Both the free single download and video can be found at http://www.mjhibbett.co.uk/alittlebit.

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.