

# JUNIOR BURKE~SPOT OF TIME

"There are in our existence, spots of time..." William Wordsworth

Junior Burke has completed a new recording titled, Spot of Time. Heavily focused on poetry and lyrical content it will be released by Fast Speaking Music, a New York based label which presents work by contemporary musicians such as Thurston Moore and celebrated poets including Anne Waldman and Allen Ginsberg.

Two songs are W.B. Yeats poems ("Song of Wandering Aengus" and "To an Isle in the Water") set to music. One ("White Men Landing") is inspired by Arthur Rimbaud; other influences include Gertrude Stein ("Personal History") and Edgar Allan Poe ("William Wilson"). Also included is "Wake Up and Dream", a Burke lyric (music by Ed Tossing) originally recorded by the late Richie Havens.

Producer Max Davies: "The record has a definite sound, and there was a conscious effort to try and do things the natural way. We spent time listening to certain albums and artists as templates for what we were going for, like The Plastic Ono Band's first record, or Van Morrison's Astral Weeks. We also looked to the Freewheelin' Bob Dylan and Phil Spector for inspiration."

"The overall approach was to make sure that the song and artist were the core of the performance. I wanted to show what (Junior Burke) sounds like when he's playing alone in a room and then add instruments to augment the song. Any overdubs followed the original guitar that was initially laid down.

"What this ultimately did was make us do live takes, creating certain sonic circumstances like one microphone getting bleed from another instrument or voice. It made us not use a click track, which makes editing trickier but also keeps things more honest and more in line with the way things used to be in regard to studio recording."

Produced, engineered and mixed by Max Davies.

Assistant engineer, Jonas Leuenberger

Junior Burke, acoustic guitar, harmonica, dulcimer

Max Davies, additional guitars, electric bass, percussion, keyboards, mandolin, and vocal harmonies.

Eric Thorin, Upright Bass on Spot of Time, Song of Wandering Aengus, To and Isle in the Water.

Toni Oswald, backing vocals on Medusa.

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