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[Beesweb] Richard Thompson *ELECTRIC* News

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What a stellar week this is gearing up to be, first -

TUNE IN *TONIGHT*!

Buddy Miller and Richard Thompson discuss *ELECTRIC* the new Thompson album produced by Miller on this week's episode of the Buddy & Jim Radio Show airing Saturday (2/2) 10 pm ET and Sunday (2/3) 10 am ET on SiriusXM Outlaw Country.

RT's *ELECTRIC* releases 5 Feb on New West Records/US and 11 Feb - Proper Records/UK and elsewhere:

Mostly electric, to be accurate, and always electrifying. Whether featuring electric or acoustic guitar, the songs are built around the tightly focused core of Thompson's current, sharply honed trio: drummer Michael Jerome (Better Than Ezra, John Cale)—who's anchored his bands for more than a decade—and bassist Taras Prodanuk (Lucinda Williams, Elvis Costello) complementing and often pushing the leader through a full range of emotional explorations.

The album was produced in Nashville by Buddy Miller (Robert Plant's Band of Joy, not to mention his own acclaimed albums both solo and with wife Julie Miller) at his cozy home studio. Miller provides rhythm guitar here and there, Stuart Duncan guests on fiddle, Siobhan Maher Kennedy (of the English band River City People) sings harmonies on five of the songs and the incomparable Alison Krauss duets on the achingly lovely "The Snow Goose." - New West Records

"I wrote this record very much with the trio in mind. And I thought we could do something that was kind of folk, in an English-Celtic sense, and also funky, in the more '70s sense of the word. And I like the idea of sort of a "Celtic power trio." So that was the idea I was aiming for when I was writing. And I think to some extent it is that."

The Richard Thompson Electric Trio will celebrate the launch of *ELECTRIC* at a SOLD-OUT performance at Joe's Pub in New York City 5 February.

ELECTRIC celebrations continue with FIRST LISTEN at NPR Music available through the weekend:
<http://www.npr.org/2013/01/27/170103841/first-listen-richard-thompson-electric>

KCRW has archived the Richard Thompson *ELECTRIC* Trio's Live Performance and Interview at Morning Becomes Eclectic, 29 January.

LISTEN at: http://www.kcrw.com/media-player/mediaPlayer2.html?type=audio&id=mb130129richard_thompson

WATCH at: http://www.kcrw.com/music/programs/mb/mb130129richard_thompson/hd-showcase#autoplay

MTV-UK has published a fine RT Interview, "The quiet hero returns with new album ELECTRIC at: <http://www.mtv.co.uk/news/richard-thompson/374475-richard-thompson-interview-electric>

"We recorded really quickly, four tracks a day, which is insanely fast these days. I mean I know the Beatles would record a whole album in two hours but for modern times it's pretty quick. We had a few guests, Alison and Siobhan came and sung and Stuart Duncan is a fantastic fiddle player, I asked to just 'play a bit more Scottish' and he got it straight away. It was very spontaneous, all mostly done live with just a few overdubs. I wanted to get that raw, garage feel where it sounds like it's going down at the time, with everyone in one room. I wanted to avoid something that was too tidy and polished, that sounded immaculate but dull. The rest of my life is immaculate but dull, but musically I like to be a bit more spontaneous."

ELECTRIC reviews have been outstanding:

"...for fun, warmth, vigour and power, it's up there with his best" - MOJO ****

"Folk-rock legend at the top of his game" - Uncut 9/10

"...up there with his very best work" - Q Magazine ***

"Humming with creativity, buzzing with authenticity, a very special record indeed" - Prog Magazine

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