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Review of 2005

Happy new year!, a time for New Year resolutions and hoping for a peaceful and prosperous year ahead. But what about 2005 what were the highlights for me.

January was when I really decided to try and get this project off the ground after writing a few songs. I wanted to get about 6 songs together in the first half of the year. A frantic period of writing and recording followed all the way through into March. Some of these tracks can be listened to here;

<http://www.richardhingley.com/music/listen.html>

In **March** I recorded my first interview entitled "the story so far" where for the first time I talked about the past, present and what was to come, the interview finished with an acoustic version of Dream On. The interview was recorded at home with the help of Richard Gillis. It took about 4 days to edit together and if you haven't seen it you can view it here.

http://www.richardhingley.com/biography/story_so_far.html

April saw me shoot my first music Video in and around Las Vegas, what an adventure!, driving a classic Buick Skylark for a week was great fun. This video for "the day the walls fell in" took about 5 days to shoot and about 4 weeks in editing and post. The story of how I put this together was turned into a magazine article for Avid Access a user magazine for Avid Technology. To see the video or read the article click here.

http://www.richardhingley.com/music/watch/pages/the_day_the_walls_fell_in.html

http://www.richardhingley.com/news/news_pdf/avidaccesslow-res.pdf

In **June** I set a plan for the second half the year to have the website up and running with a launch date for September 1st. I wanted to launch the site with lots of interesting content for people to look at and if you read the early blog entries dating back from July through to August you will see how much work went into it, I spent nearly all my time throughout these months creating the content.

September 1st came and went and since the site launch to the end of the year the response has been amazing, here are some statistics for you, I still find these quite staggering.

- 22,535 unique hits to the site since September 1st
- 59,320 pages have been viewed
- 100+ people have subscribed to this eNews newsletter
- The sample songs on the site have been listened to 3,175 times
- In total there are now 156 pages in the site.

Since September all of the goings on are available to read on the website in my blog where you can read all the postings.

<http://www.richardhingley.com/news/blog/index.html>

One of the things that has been on going throughout the year since around April is the filming of another video for a song called "travelling man", the concept is fairly simple, wherever I go in the world and there is a known landmark, I set up my video camera and play my guitar, eventually it will all be edited together for a seamless montage of me jumping around the world. To see a rough cut of the track and video click here.

http://www.richardhingley.com/community/members/music/watch/pages/travelling_man.html

December saw another frantic song writing episode with three tracks written in quick succession. These can be listened to here

<http://www.richardhingley.com/community/members/music/memlisten.html>

And finally in my review of 2005 I have had so many people help me in so many ways over the year, far too many to list here, but I'm sure you all know who you are, thank you everyone for making 2005 such a memorable year.

Fast Forward into 2006

So what about 2006, what's ahead?

January is all about recording and promoting, I will be busy in the studio all month trying to finish as much of the album as possible. I will be then taking these tracks to Midem (next article) to try and look at what the possibilities are for album distribution.

In **February / March** I will be looking to start playing some small gigs, details of these will be posted on the site and here in eNews soon.

April is when I am looking to release the album but this can always be moved if need arises, I hopefully will be trying to have a launch party, this again details will be posted nearer to the date.

The rest of the year I hope will be made up of gigs, music videos and promotion.

Midem

At the end of January I will be travelling to Cannes in the South of France to the annual Midem conference to start the promotion of the album.

So what is Midem?,

MIDEM is the world's largest music market and trade show. Over 9300, music professionals meet for five days of networking, deal making, market information, live music and meetings. It is where all the serious operators in the music industry come to meet and explore new business. As you can see the opportunities for me are endless and I intend to make as many contacts as possible with some interesting meetings already lined up. My main goal is to look for international distribution opportunities in America and the far east especially Japan. I will also try to get the attention of the major record companies with the view to merge a working relationship with my own record label "Key Music Records". To prepare for this, I will be taking a promotional pack of material with me to give out as well as the promotional postcards I have talked about before. I will be posting a daily Midem report which will be on the site daily from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th. A full report will be included in next months eNews.

Extras

to read the blog entries click here

<http://www.richardhingley.com/news/blog/index.html>

Previous eNews issues

For new members to eNews wishing to find out more, all the previous back issues are available on the site by accessing this link.

<http://www.richardhingley.com/community/eNews/index.html>

and finally...

I hope you keep visiting the site and please remember to send the site link to anyone you think may like the music and keep reading the blog entries.

Thank you for interest



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