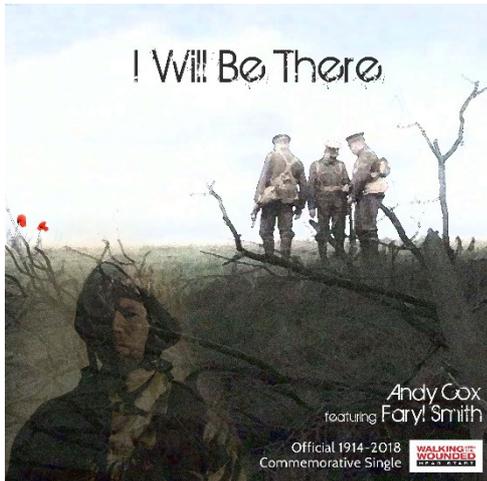


“I WILL BE THERE”

Release of the Official 1914-2018 Walking With The Wounded Single to Commemorate the Centenary of the First World War



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Independent record label Symphonic Architect will be releasing “*I Will be There*”, a brand new single and part of their album *Inconnu*, which will be launched later in the year to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the First World War.

All the proceeds from the single and the album will be donated to Walking With The Wounded, a UK charity that helps retrain and re-educate wounded service personnel and supports them into careers outside the military. With the money raised Walking With The Wounded will be able to fund their Head Start Campaign, a programme that addresses the increasing needs of ex-service personnel suffering with mental injuries.



“*I Will be There*” is composed and performed by Andy Cox, featuring the vocals of Faryl Smith, finalist of ITV’s Britain’s Got Talent 2008.

Despite her youth, Faryl’s debut album became the fastest-selling classical album in chart history, surpassing the debut releases of classical music’s finest including legends such as Luciano Pavarotti, Andrea Bocelli, or Katherine Jenkins. She is also the only classical star to reach gold with their debut album within the first week of release.

During her career Faryl has performed in front of millions of television viewers at various high profile events, such as the FA Cup Final in 2009 and in front of Her Majesty the Queen at various Royal occasions. She has also sung with some of music’s greatest such as Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras.

“*I Will be There*” is the closing anthem from the album “*Inconnu*”, which means ‘*Unknown*’ in French and is the word engraved on thousands of gravestones in the many military cemeteries found in France and Belgium. They are a lasting tribute to the men of the allied forces who gave their lives fighting in the First World War.

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"*I Will be There*" is a message of support from and for all of those involved in and touched by conflict including the families of soldiers back home offering their support to serving personnel; the soldiers telling us that they will protect us; the spirits of fallen personnel from any previous conflict saying they will look after us and a Walking With the Wounded message of support to the injured.

The music video can be viewed on the website at www.inconnu.co.uk or directly at https://youtu.be/gSrpioQX_cc.

The album *Inconnu*, is a mixture of lyrics, instrumental music and dialogues, the story unfolds as the protagonist reads her Grandmother's diaries written nearly a hundred years ago. Those written words tell of a love story tainted by the heartbreak and horror of a Great War, of a war to end all wars. The main character's own grandson is fighting a modern war in the Middle East. This shows how conflict has affected three generations of the same family, from WWI up to the present day.

A cast of celebrities includes narrations by British actor John Nettles (Bergerac, Midsomer Murders) and performances from Mark Benton (Waterloo Road, Strictly Come Dancing 2013, Hairspray UK Tour), Lucy Benjamin (EastEnders, Hairspray UK Tour), West End artists Annalene Beechey (Les Miserablés, Phantom of the Opera, Wicked) and David O'Mahony (The Bodyguard) and vocal group and Classical BRIT winners Blake. Andy Cox, who is the creator of the concept, has composed the music, written the lyrics and collaborated with screen writer Colin Hill on the script.

"The First World War has long been a subject of particular interest for me and the idea of creating a musical work on the subject has been many years in development. Inconnu is a tribute to those men and women who have served their countries in conflicts since the First World War and still do today" - said Andy Cox, Composer.

Inconnu will be released to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and will be available primarily as a digital download. However a small run of limited edition double albums is also planned.

"Our fundraisers are our lifeblood, no amount is too small and no effort goes unrecognised, we are honoured to be part of such a wonderful project." Andrew Cook - Head of Fundraising Walking With The Wounded.

For a small contribution (£25), the project can be supported by way of the Inconnu Roll of Honour, which provides an opportunity to remember an ancestor or friend from a past conflict, to honour someone wounded in service or to show respect for someone currently serving in our armed forces. Names can be added by visiting www.inconnu.co.uk/roh and filling out a simple online form about the person concerned, which includes the option for a tribute message. The Roll of Honour is limited to 200 names only. The first 40 people to sign The Roll of Honour will receive a limited edition CD of the Single, signed by Faryl Smith and Andy Cox.

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The Roll of Honour will be listed in the digital and physical booklets of the album, displayed on the project website and will also be narrated as a final track on the album, preserving the names forever.

About Walking With the Wounded Head Start Campaign:

Research suggests for every physical injury there will be five mental injuries. For Iraq and Afghanistan alone it is believed there are as many as 22,000 veterans suffering from mental health problems as a result of their service. Existing capacity is not sufficient to address the mental health needs of veterans and their families. Head Start is looking to address this by introducing private psychotherapy from a nationwide network of qualified practitioners, with the aim of doubling capacity by the end of 2017. It is acknowledged that the majority of the cases will be similar to societal issues such as depression, anxiety, anger and stress, as well as trauma based problems such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

For more information on Walking With The Wounded visit:
www.walkingwiththewounded.org.uk

For more information and to access pre-production music demos visit: www.inconnu.co.uk.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

The following people will be available for interviews upon request.

Andy Cox, Composer, Lyricist and Concept Creator of Inconnu
Colin Hill, Co-Writer and Director/Producer of the 'I Will Be There' music video
Faryl Smith, Vocalist for 'I Will Be There'
Andrew Cook, Head of Fundraising, Walking With The Wounded

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