

# JOHN POWER

## The Complete Studio Recordings 2002-2015

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### EDSEL RECORDS TO RELEASE FIVE-DISC JOHN POWER BOX SET

On 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Edsel Records will proudly release '*John Power: The Complete Studio Recordings 2002 – 2015*', a five-disc box set spanning the solo career to-date of the former bassist for The La's and Cast frontman.

The box set consists of 4-CDs covering Power's three studio albums, **Happening For Love** (2003), **Willow She Weeps** (2006) and **Stormbreaker** (2008), plus the newly recorded **The Mariner Sessions** (2014) and unreleased demos and live session tracks (2002-2015). The set's fifth disc is a DVD featuring **The Recording Of The Mariner Sessions** and an extended interview with Power.

Having first made his mark on the UK pop scene in the late '80s and early '90s with renowned Liverpoolian quartet The La's, Power left the group to form a new group called Cast. The timing of band's emergence was perfect, chiming with the mid-1990s rise of Britpop and, with guitar-based kindred spirits such as Oasis and Blur dominating the charts, Cast's first two LPs, *All Change* (released in 1995 and reputedly Polydor's biggest-selling debut album) and '97's *Mother Nature Calls* both sold over 1,000,000 copies. Edsel released deluxe reissues of all four Cast albums early in 2014.

After Cast split in 2001, Polydor put an offer on the table for John Power to record as a solo artist, but at the time he'd had enough of the whole music business and felt he had to get out. Power finally released his solo debut, **Happening For Love**, the first of the three full-length albums featured in this box, in June 2003. Producer for the album was John Leckie, whose numerous production credits include Magazine, The Fall and The Stone Roses' seminal debut LP, as well as both Cast and The La's. With the distance provided by hindsight, John views *Happening For Love* as representing "the last remnants of the Cast sound".

Released in October 2006, Power's second solo L.P., the stripped-back **Willow She Weeps**, could hardly have been more different from *Happening For Love*. Ranging from lonesome country-blues, through to infectious and stomping fare, it's a gutsily authentic, Americana-flavoured L.P. full of spirit and heart.

**Stormbreaker** is the third and (to date) last of John Power's three solo LPs, but while it's billed as a solo record, it's actually the sound of The John Power Band firing on all cylinders. Originally released in January 2008, it has become hard to find and expensive to buy. Its reappearance here shows that it's an absolute gem. *Stormbreaker* is a glorious extension of the roots-y, neo-Delta blues-rock sound of *Willow She Weeps*. It's full of dirt and grit and remains thrillingly raw.

Produced by John Leckie, Cast returned with an all-new studio album, *Troubled Times*, in 2012, but John Power has also continued to work on solo material (all in tandem with guitarist Jay Lewis). The fourth disc in the box homes in on John and Jay's stripped-back side project, with seven tracks recorded in December 2014's **The Mariner Sessions**. Intimate, acoustic versions of selected songs from *Happening For Love* and *Willow She Weeps* sit side by side with previously unreleased tunes including the bouncy *Station Master* and the wistful, melancholic *When Did It Start*. In addition the CD includes a spirited Janice Long radio session and several previously unreleased songs from the 2006 *Willow She Weeps* sessions.

Also included in this box set is a DVD which features intimate studio footage of John Power and Jay Lewis recording *The Mariner Sessions*, and extended interviews with John Power covering those sessions and his complete solo career.

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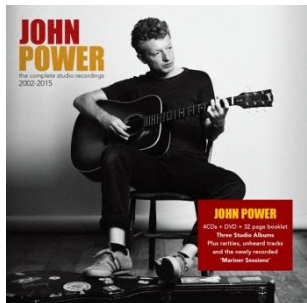
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### TRACK LISTING

#### DISC ONE: HAPPENING FOR LOVE

1. Electrify
2. Paradise
3. Everyday Folk
4. Small Farm
5. TNT
- 6. Songbird**
- 7. Mariner**
- 8. Happening For Love**
- 9. Change For Tomorrow**
10. Viva
11. Island

#### DISC TWO: WILLOW SHE WEEPS

1. Give It To Me
2. Willow Weep
3. All My Days
4. St Louis
5. Old Red Sea
6. Jumpin' Bean
7. Now That You've Gone
8. Good Morning
9. Goodbye
10. Give It To Me (Reprise)
- Bonus tracks :**
11. Black And White Rainbows
12. Sleeping Soul
13. Yeah, Yeah
14. The Old Red Sea Trilogy featuring Fire In My Heart

#### DISC THREE: STORMBREAKER

1. Ain't No Woman
2. Calling You Back
3. American Dream
4. Stormbreaker
5. Distant Eyes
6. Good Life
7. Fire In My Heart
8. Tombstone
9. Cockerel Crow
10. Come The Morning

#### DISC FOUR: THE MARINER SESSIONS & UNRELEASED DEMOS

##### The Mariner Sessions

1. Mariner
2. Small Farm
3. When Did It Start
4. Station Master
5. Jumpin' Bean
6. When Did It Start (instrumental)
7. Station Master (Electric)

##### Unreleased demos:

8. TNT
9. Paradise
10. Everyday Folk
11. Don't Cry (Mariner)
12. Time Bomb (2006)
13. Tall Ships (2006)
14. Old Worn Out Charm
15. Girl In The Backseat

##### BBC in Session for Janice Long 13/11/06

16. Jumpin' Bean
17. St Louis
18. Goodbye
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19. Change For Tomorrow (early rough demo)

#### DISC FIVE : THE DVD