

# LUKE MICHIELSEN

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## Luke Michielsen | Oh Surround Me

Luke Michielsen is positioned dead centre in a cast of talented musicians on his third solo effort, *Oh Surround Me*. Michielsen collaborated with U of T jazz guitar master Thom Gill, (Owen Pallett, Devon Sproule, John Southworth), eccentric synth man Jeff Woods (Hinindar, and Trepid House), bassist Milosz Sikora (Knock Knock Ginger, Catlantis), vocalist D'Eve Archer, saxophonist Martin Eckart, symphony cellist Samuel Bisson and drummer Owen Cherry.

At the core of *Oh Surround Me*, Michielsen's adroit lyricism and adept guitar pays homage to acoustic songwriters like Doug Paisley, Hayden, Neil Young and Mark Kozelek (track 12). Michielsen's mature voice has been compared to Michael Stipe, another notable influence.

The album's artful arrangements opt for variety without losing the cohesiveness great albums are known for. The jazz guitar from Gill has unmistakable groove, and cascades during solos. Woods' synth is understated sci-fi and at times rears its head in unexpected ways. Archer's remarkable harmonies paint confident yet soft brush strokes. A choir of Michielsen's friends remedy the call of the album title throughout (tracks 1, 5, 7, 11).

The album's colourful sound is as vibrant as Toronto's Kensington market, where it was recorded with producer Mike Langford in the studio formerly known as Kensington Sound. The team of Michielsen and Langford have now produced over 40 tracks together.

Luke Michielsen lives in Kitchener, Ontario and has played over 500 shows in his career across Canada, USA, Korea and Europe. Michielsen has released three previous albums, *Meddle in the Natural Order* (2011), *Burn to the Ground* (2008) and *Rival Cities* (2007 with former band Slowking). Credit goes out to Ontario Arts Council for funding for this full-length recording as well as Luke Michielsen's core supporters, who contributed over \$6000 via the homespun crowd funding campaign on lukemichielsen.com.

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### Track Listing

1. Every Time I Come Home
2. Colour Of My Scarf
3. **For You** (pop-ier)
4. Smokey Air
5. **Pine Needles** (folk-ier)
6. Well Maintained
7. Golden
8. Last Saloon
9. Derrida Says
10. January Snow
11. **Hypothermia** (indie-est)
12. To Change Is To Fall

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