

House With Yellow Windows

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'House With Yellow Windows' is the 3rd single from Martin Praetorius' forthcoming album 'It's OK, I'm still laughing!' and is scheduled for release on October 1st 2021.

"I hadn't been to Ireland for a couple of years, when I set out to travel to Inis Oirr in October of 2012. I didn't know the motorway to Galway was finished, as I hopped on a bus in Dublin on a fine Sunday morning.

The trip was disappointing. From the motorway, that grey stretch of stone with the thin white lines, all countries look the same. It was an uneventful glide. It is convenient if you want to get there fast, but for me, it is as much about the journey, too.

My heart lifted when we left the dual carriageway and drove into Ballinasloe. The town was busy. The famous Ballinasloe Horse Fair was happening. I feasted my eyes on the hustle and bustle that was going on, the houses, the pubs, the typical, coloured storefronts...

As we were heading out of town, carrying on down the old road to Galway, there was the particular smell of turf-fire in the air. There it was again. That feeling that I had arrived home."

The 'House With Yellow Windows' is a house in Galway and the location of many a fine house-concert in the city. It's the kind of house that opens its doors to the musicians all day, there's food and drink, banter and music.

In the evening, the big living room fills up to the last seat with the most attentive and curious audience for a night of bliss.

The track features the incomparable chromatic harmonica playing of Dino Soldo, who has been a member of Lionel Richie's touring band for 20 odd years and who Leonard Cohen called his "Master of Breath" when he was touring with him between 2008 - 2010.

Martin Praetorius - vocals, acoustic guitar, mandolin, Wurlitzer

Dino Soldo - chromatic harmonica

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