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In October we made a big new signing to *Amazing Record Co.*, a whole host of *Amazing Radio* favourites were announced as nominees for the **Mercury Music Prize**, *Amazing Artist Treya* impressed at **CMJ**, and we selected our first *amazing* newsletter competition winner. We have more on all the goings on, plus top tips from *OurStage* and *amazingtunes.com*, and some behind the scenes insights from *Amazing Instore*. Read on...

Featured Artist

Last month we launched a competition for an artist to be featured in the *amazing* newsletter, and the winner was **Jay Stansfield** with his track **My Last, My Grain**. *Amazing's* George Rowan spoke to Jay to find out more about his music.

Jay tells me he's "*been a huge fan of Amazing Radio for a lot of years*" saying it "*focuses on new music*" and "*gives artists a chance*" but his own musical journey started with him getting into performing at a very young age, inspired by his Dad's varied record collection which included the Beach Boys, The Beatles, and Sonic Youth - "*it all kind of joins and melds into one thing really.*"

Since 2004 Jay has written and recorded a total of 94 songs. He talked to me about what drives him to write: *"I have to. It's a burning desire which says you must do this, it's very important."* He stressed the importance of taking inspiration from people and emotions, exemplified in his latest track – [My Last, My Grain](#) – which was written about a relationship between his close friends. Hypnotic and immersive, the track is a great example of innovative 21st century songwriting, intertwining traditional folk elements with the futuristic and modern sounds of a synthesizer.



Alongside his current project and a new band, **All Hail Hyena** (keep an eye out for their material appearing on [amazingtunes.com](#) soon!), Jay is also working on a new idea called **Jay's Songs**. *"Jay's Songs is a way of writing songs for individuals. I'll chat to them and conduct an interview – get information about whatever they would like a song about, and then I write it for them! What better song could you have than one written specifically for you? That's my focus at the moment; I'd really like it to take off."*

Be in with the chance of being featured in our next newsletter, find out more on how to be [#newonamazing](#) [here](#)!

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It was another eventful month for us, and we thought we'd kick off with the most exciting news. We welcomed one of our favourite artists, [Boy Jumps Ship](#), to our roster.



We've been supporting them on *Amazing Radio* since they formed in 2010, so we are thrilled to have them on board for their debut album, which will be released in 2016. Expect big things from these guys!

[Therapy?](#) released their latest single, *Deathstimate*, on the 30th October, alongside a dramatic and claustrophobic new video, which premiered on **Team Rock**. If you haven't see it yet, then you absolutely should [watch it!](#)

There were also some great new releases from artists on our Label Services. [Parastatic](#) unveiled a haunting music video for their

forthcoming single [Saint Mary](#) (out 13th November), and [Tessera Skies](#) celebrated the launch of their beautiful and intricate single [Such Great Heights \(Raindrops\)](#), with an intimate gig at North Base Studios.

And finally, New York songwriter [Elvis Perkins](#) is now half way through his European tour. After already conquering France, the Netherlands and Italy, Elvis is set to tour through Denmark, Germany and Switzerland before embarking on the UK leg, which begins in Glasgow on the 19th.

amazinginstore

Here at *Amazing Instore* HQ we are inundated with emails, every single week, from delightful people wanting to know who sang a certain song they heard in a shop we supply to. It can be quite a task for our music profiling team, when all they have to go on is...

*"It kind of goes boo ya, boo ya, love, love, tinkle, tinkle. I heard it in Goldsmiths on Oxford Street. Can you tell me who that is, because **I LOVE IT!!!**"*

We're not sure exactly how they do it, but our expert profilers are able to pick out what song the email is referring to, almost instantly, and say...

"Oh, yeah... It's by Circa Waves."

Low and behold, **Circa Waves** now have a new fan who then downloads the song from amazingtunes.com, tells all their friends and followers about it on **Facebook** and **Twitter**, who then do the same.

We see this happen every day and we're more than happy to help. We love watching fan bases grow and artists become ever more popular, just like **Circa Waves** have. (err... **UK number 1 album!**)

For your chance to get your music heard, gain new fans and get paid every time we play-list your tracks for *Amazing Instore*, all you have to do is upload your music to amazingtunes.com. We supply to **thousands** of businesses and shops throughout the UK. Let their customers be your new fans.



amazingartists

North America

Amazing Artist **Treya** played a stellar showcase at [CMJ](#) in New York this month. Endorsed by Roland, [Treya](#) moved many people in the audience to tears with her vocal driven set, which concluded with a few of her own tears being shed. Playing nylon-string guitar for the first song, she switched to the piano for the rest of the set, which concluded with an emotional, breath-taking crescendo.

You could have heard a pin drop during moments between songs – everyone in the room was 100% focused and rapt. So it's not surprising the **New York Times** sent a reporter alongside other global newspapers, TV stations and magazines, not to mention the **Taiwanese Ambassador** being in the audience.

The show was reviewed in newspapers in the USA, Singapore, Australia, South Africa, and beyond, and had an amazing review in the Daily Mail here in the UK last week.



credit: Rick Gilbert

Here's the [feature in the Daily Mail](#). We're chuffed for her to be getting such great press as a new artist without a proper release yet.

Here's a [TV interview](#) with Treya with some snippets from the show broadcast on **China Television News**, which is the equivalent of the BBC News at Ten.

We're excited to bring this *Amazing Artist* from the US to the UK. She's raring to play shows everywhere from London to Dublin. That's why **Treya** always wears a kittiwake feather in her hat. It's a little known fact that kittiwake birds exclusively nest in Newcastle, which is *Amazing Media's* hometown.

She's looking forward to flying over the pond to the nest... meanwhile, she's had a super busy summer, and is looking forward to spending time over the coming months finishing her first studio recordings ready to share with *Amazing Radio* listeners first in 2016.

amazingtunes

#TunesWeLove

This is the bit where we get to share some of our the [#TunesWeLove](#) from the past weeks. We see and listen to hundreds of uploads every week and some just jump out at us!

Share the love on **Twitter** by searching [#TunesWeLove](#) and supporting your favourite new tune.

Here's a few picks from this month's favourites >>



Vaults
Overcome



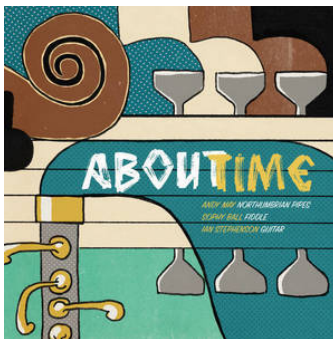
Fickle Friends
Say No More



ZIBRA
Wasted Days



Field Music
The Noisy Days Are Over



Andy May Trio
Transatlantic Reels



Jake Isaac
Fool For You

ourstage

Over at *OurStage* HQ, we're excited about new releases from a few of our longtime artists, along with a sort-of new one. Brooklyn's [Here We Go Magic](#) has a new album called **Be Small** out on Secretly Canadian, **Bronze Radio Return** is capitalizing on last year's Bonnaroo appearance with a new LP called [Light Me Up](#), and California hard rockers [Haster](#) have signed with Musicarchy Media for a new one called **The Current Sea**.

In addition, there's a brand new act on *OurStage* – an electro pop duo called **Westvale**, which grew out of a fan favorite band called **Noctura**. They released an EP titled **Fly**, and it took them all of a month to hit the #1 spot in our Ambient/Chill channel, get ranked on our Best of the Best chart, and to win the Finals round of our Electronic category.



Rounding out the [Top 5 Finals winners](#), we've got another old favorite, **Jesse Terry** (Roots winner), who just returned home to the US from a successful UK tour, as well as Hawaiian singer-songwriter **Brooks Maguire** (Pop winner), Aussie pop-punk band **Aitches** (Rock winner), and Indianapolis rapper **C Nice** (Urban winner). Visit amazingtunes.com to hear them all, along with a number of great, independent artist selections from the charts, on our October *OurStage on Amazing Radio* show.

amazingradio

October has been full of great news. **Stewart Lee** is set to curate [ATP Festival](#), [Daughter](#) returned with their lovely new single **Doing The Right Thing**, [The Wytches](#) announced they were going back out on tour and [Tom Ravenscroft](#) appeared on *It's Amazing* to show more love for the brilliant **Girlband**. We also introduced to you guys for the first time, hopefully; new artists in [Elliott Power](#), [Gold Celeste](#), [Meilyr Jones](#), [INHEAVEN](#), and [Basheba](#).

We were really excited to see **Mercury Prize** nominations for 5 great acts we've been supporting heavily over the past couple of years. [Ghostpoet](#), [SOAK](#), [Slaves](#), [Wolf Alice](#) and [C Duncan](#) are all in the running for the prize this year. However [check out](#) some of the acts our presenters thought should have also been included.

Throughout October, we've heard from a whole host of great new acts. [Philco Fiction](#) have impressed of late and joined Dani Charlton to discuss their upcoming album. Camden's [Blue Daisy](#) made an appearance on *Amazing Beats* with **Mark Ryan** to discuss his live shows and new **Darker Than Blue** record. [Boxed In](#) who thrilled us at **The Great Escape** back in May came onto *Amazing Afternoons* with Greg Porter as did [Du Blonde](#), formerly known as Beth Jeans Houghton. Jim Gellatly was also in on the action and spoke to the **Scottish Alternative Music Awards** founder [Richy Muirhead](#) about the event.

Looking ahead to November, **Emma Snook** will be going on tour with [Lucy Rose](#) for three of her upcoming dates throwing the spotlight on life on the road. We'll also be working hard as a team to select our **Tips For 2016**. Feel free to tweet us your recommendations and in case you're new to us [check out](#) who we've tipped over the years.

Keep in touch with other latest news at [amazingtunes.com](#), [Amazing Radio](#), [Amazing Record Co.](#), [Amazing Instore](#), [Amazing Artists](#), and [Our Stage](#), or find us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube!



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