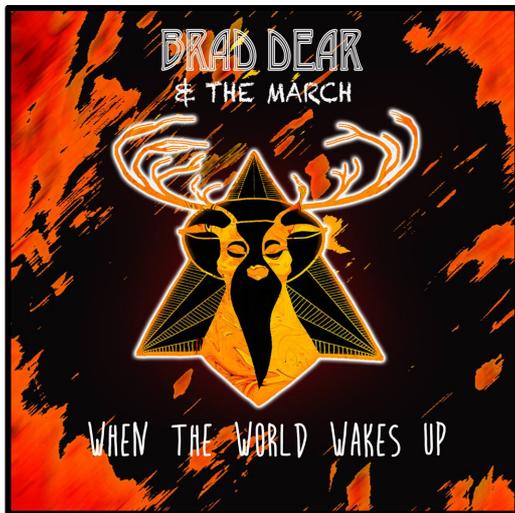


BRAD DEAR & THE MARCH

- DEBUT ALBUM 'WHEN THE WORLD WAKES UP' TO BE RELEASED ON 11/05/18
- Album launch party gig at The Angel Microbrewery, Nottingham on 11/05/18
 - Lead single 'Sail Away' released 30/03/18

A raw and rowdy modern folk sound of foot stomping anthems and sing along choruses, with 'When the World Wakes Up' Brad Dear & The March have crafted a powerful debut album. Giving a glimpse of what's to come, lead single Sail Away kicks off proceedings off at a relentless pace and doesn't let go until it's three and half minutes are up.



After solo acoustic tours of the UK, Germany and Denmark, 23 year old Brad Dear (vocals/guitar) hooked up with Jason Hart (Jake Bugg/Kitchenware Records) to record the fan favourite single, *Special Brew*. Soon after, The March got together with Brad; forming the accomplished band of Lizzie Morris (fiddle/vocals), Chris Reed (drums/percussion) and Andy Hogg (bass).

Hitting the garage and forging their sound, they soon took to the the stage, playing over 30 festivals to thousands of people (including notable appearances at Dot to Dot, Tramlines and Splendour) and supported a diverse range of artists such as Twenty-One Pilots, New Model Army and Beans on Toast (Brad even featured prominently in Beans' 'Small Town Celebrations' documentary). With songs now truly honed on the road, Brad Dear & The March entered the studio with Phil

Wilbraham to capture the energy of the live show and record '**When the World Wakes Up**'.

Never one to rest on a single theme, Brad writes about his own life experiences and what he sees in the world; stories that speak of breaking out from your small town (*Special Brew*), finding purpose (*The Only Road I Know*), life's characters (*Billy Brown*), the refugee crisis (*Save Our Souls*), coming together (*Walls*), realising what you have (*Festival Bar Blues*) and a glass raised to departed friends (*Leave it All Behind*).

A launch party gig will be held at The Angel Microbrewery in Brad's hometown of Nottingham on the album's release date; Friday 11th May, with the band then touring throughout 2018. '**When The World Wakes Up**' is available to pre-order now on CD and digital formats at www.braddearmusic.co.uk and will also be available on all major digital platforms, including **iTunes**, **Amazon Music**, **Google Play**, **Apple Music**, **Spotify** and more.



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