

# MCTAGGART

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## **SINGER - SONGWRITER - PRODUCER - MUSICIAN**

**SHELBURNE, ONTARIO-BASED DEAN MCTAGGART HAS BEEN ON THE TOP END OF CANADA'S SONGWRITING COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST DECADE. MCTAGGART'S MUSIC CAREER WAS LAUNCHED IN 1981 AS THE LEAD SINGER/SONGWRITER OF THE CANADIAN POP/ROCK GROUP THE ARROWS. AN INDEPENDENT RECORD RELEASE CO-PRODUCED BY DANIEL LANOIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A RECORD DEAL WITH A&M RECORDS. WRITING/ PERFORMING SUCCESS FOLLOWED FOR DEAN AND THE ARROWS WITH TWO ALBUMS RELEASED IN 1984/ 85.**

**THE ARROWS' FIVE YEARS OF TOURING IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE INCLUDED OPENING CONCERTS FOR THE LIKES OF CHRIS DEBURG. AFTER TEAMING UP WITH FELLOW-CANUCK DAVID TYSON IN THE 90'S, DEAN HIT HIS STRIDE AS A SONGWRITER PENNING HITS FOR INTERNATIONAL STARS WYNONNA JUDD, TINA ARENA, TERRI CLARK, AMANDA MARSHALL, KELLIE COFFEY, MILA MASON AND ANNE MURRAY. DEAN HAS WON NUMEROUS SOCAN AND ASCAP AWARDS FOR HIS SONGWRITING AND HAS TWO JUNE AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR SONGWRITER OF YEAR. IN 2002 HE RELEASED HIS FIRST SOLO ALBUM, FULL MOON HOWL WHICH INCLUDED HIS OWN VERSIONS OF HIT SONGS BIRMINGHAM, AND LAST EXIT TO EDEN. A SECOND SOLO ALBUM HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED ENTITLED 'SHED MY SIN'. IT INCLUDES 9 NEW SONGS PLUS A HAUNTING VERSION OF HIS CLASSIC 'DARK HORSE'. "I COME FROM A POP/ ROCK BACKGROUND SO MOST OF THE SONGS I HAVE HAD THE MOST LUCK WITH STARTED AS POP CUTS", STATES DEAN. "I ALWAYS HAVE TRIED TO MAKE THE LYRIC "MATTER" WHICH IN MY OPINION IS SOMETIMES LACKING IN POP TUNES. I THINK THAT IS WHY I'VE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A LOT OF MY SONGS CROSS OVER TO THE COUNTRY MARKET AS WELL FOR AS WE ALL KNOW IT'S THE LYRIC THAT WILL MAKE OR BREAK A COUNTRY SONG".**

**SINCE THE RELEASE OF 'SHED MY SIN, FANS HAVE BEEN ASKING DEAN TO PERFORM LIVE AGAIN. SOMETHING HE HASN'T DONE IN OVER 10 YEARS DUE TO HIS COMMITMENTS AS A WRITER, AND MOST RECENTLY RECORD PRODUCER. "THERE'S SO MUCH TALENT IN THIS COUNTRY, IT SEEMED TO BE A LOGICAL MOVE FOR ME TO START PRODUCING RECORDS FOR OTHER SINGER/ SONGWRITERS THAT ARE COMING FROM THIS ABUNDANT TALENT POOL WE HAVE IN CANADA. THIS COUNTRY HAS IT HANDS DOWN IN THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SCENE". HE EXLCAIMS. "PERFORMING EITHER BY MYSELF, WITH MY BAND, OR WITH OTHER SINGER/ SONGWRITERS IS SOMETHING I BELEIVE IS OVERDUE FOR ME. I WELCOME IT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING OLD AND NEW FANS OF MY MUSIC".**



**ROOTS MUSIC REPORT - SHED MY SIN - 'MCTAGGART'S MUSIC IS FOUNDED WITH VERY GOOD SONG WRITING, HIGH BROW PLAYING, AND A ROCKIN' GROOVE THAT ALL BENEFIT FROM EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS. MORE SOULFUL ROCK WITH A GOSPEL TOUCH MCTAGGART EXISTS WHERE THE BLUES MEETS COUNTRY WITH JUST THAT EXTRA TOUCH OF SOUL. TO HIS FANS THIS ALBUM IS OBVIOUS, TO THE REST OF US; IT'S A DIAMOND WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED'. - RICK GALUSHA/ ROOTS MUSIC REPORT**

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