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DEACON BLUE

WALKING BACK HOME

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Deacon Blue one of the most successful UK bands ever, are back with a new album and a 17 date tour. The new love songs compilation **"Walking Back Home"** released by Columbia on 11th October will include 3 superb new tracks plus 3 songs previously unreleased and 11 Deacon Blue ballads.

The three new songs are "Jesus Do Your Hands Still Feel The Rain", "Plastic Shoes" and a wonderful cover version of the track "Love Hurts". All new tracks have been mixed by Dave Bascombe. Delighting Deacon Blue fans further are the 3 rarities "When You Are Young", "All I Want" and "Walking Back Home".

Full track listing is:

"Love Hurts" (Boudleaux Bryant) - **new**
"Jesus Do Your Hands Still Feel The Rain" (Ricky Ross) - **new**
"The Very Thing" (Ricky Ross)
"The Day That Jackie Jumped The Jail" (Ricky Ross)
"Love and Regret" (Ricky Ross)
"Christmas And Glasgow" (Ricky Ross, James Prime)
"The Wildness" (Ricky Ross, James Prime)
"When You Are Young" (Ricky Ross) - **previously unreleased**
"Love's Great Fears" (Ricky Ross, James Prime)
"Chocolate Girl" (Ricky Ross)
"Plastic Shoes" (Ricky Ross) - **new**
"A Brighter Star Than You Will Shine" (Ricky Ross, James Prime)
"Beautiful Stranger" (Ricky Ross, James Prime)
"All I Want" (Ricky Ross) - **previously unreleased**
"When Will You (Make My Telephone Ring)" (Ricky Ross)
"Walking Back Home" (Ricky Ross) - **previously unreleased**
"I'll Never Fall In Love Again" (Bacharach/David)

The album will be released on CD (CD 496380 2), Mini Disc (MD 496380 4) and Cassette (MC 496380 8).

Ricky Ross said "With the band going on the road for the first time in 5 years it seemed like a good time to release these tracks as well as "Christmas and Glasgow" - only previously available on 91's Oscar Marzaroli benefit album."

The band embark upon a 17 date UK tour on October 7th. The original band members Ricky Ross and Lorraine McIntosh (vocals), James Prime on keyboards, guitarist Graeme Kelling, bass player Ewen Vernal and Douglas Vipond on drums will be joined by Mick Slaven on guitar for this tour.

Full dates for the 'Walking Back Home Tour' are:

OCTOBER			**Box Office**
7th	Portsmouth	Guildhall	01705 824 355
8th	Bristol	Colston Hall	0117 922 3683/ 3686
9th	Liverpool	Royal Court Theatre	0151 709 4321/2
11th	York	Barbican Centre	01904 656 688
12th	Birmingham	Symphony Hall	0121 212 3333
13th	Ipswich	Regent Theatre	01473 281 480 /215 544
14th	Nottingham	Royal Concert Hall	0115 948 2626/2525
16th	Cambridge	Corn Exchange	01223 357 851
17th	Manchester	Palace Theatre	0161 242 2550
18th	London	Royal Albert Hall	0171 589 8212
19th	London	Royal Albert Hall	0171 589 8212
21st	Sheffield	City Hall	01142 789 789/565 656
22nd	Newcastle	City Hall	0191 261 2606
NOVEMBER			
18th	Aberdeen	Music Hall	01224 641 122
19th	Dundee	Caird Hall	01382 432 081
28th	Belfast	Ulster Hall	01232 323 900
29th	Dublin	The Point	00 353 1 836 3633

Ticket prices are £20 for all venues except for Manchester (£22.50) and London (£17.50 and £22.50), subject to booking fee. Tickets are available from venues and usual agents. There is also a **24 hour credit card hotline: 0115 912 9129** (all venues) or online at **www.ticketweb.co.uk** or by telephone on **0171 771 2000**.

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Deacon Blue are back. As one of the leading bands of the late 80's and early 90's, Deacon Blue sold over 5 million albums in the UK alone and had a string of top 40 hits (17 singles, 6 albums) including two number one albums. At their peak they were the leading exponents of Scottish rock, touring the world and playing to huge audiences.

Fronted by Ricky Ross who formed the band in 1985, the name Deacon Blue was taken from a Steely Dan song. Ricky remained the lead vocalist and main song writer throughout. The rest of the line-up was Graeme Kelling on guitar, James Prime (keyboards), Dougie Vipond (drums), on bass Ewen Vernal and Lorraine McIntosh on backing vocals.

Deacon Blue began their musical career in and around Glasgow, providing a strong live foundation for their solid rock sound. "Dignity" was one of their earliest songs and it was to be recorded and re-released often during their career. It managed to attract record company attention from CBS, the label to which they signed in August 1986.

1987 - Their debut album "Raintown" was released in May, having been preceded by the first release of "Dignity". They toured extensively around the UK.

1988 - A re-recording of "Dignity" mixed by Bob Clearmountain - made the first impression on the Top 40 singles chart. A limited double edition of "Raintown" shot to no. 14 in the album charts. Towards the end of the year, the runaway success of "Real Gone Kid" (a Brit Award best single nominee) firmly established Deacon Blue on the pop scene.

1989 - "When The World Knows Your Name" entered the album chart at no.1 in the spring. A few more hit singles followed ("Fergus Sings the Blues", "Love and Regret", "Queen of the New Year"). Meanwhile the band were touring across the UK, Europe and Australia. "Four Bacharach And David Songs" reached no. 2 in the UK singles chart.

1990 - A collectors album of B-sides and line tracks, "Ooh Las Vegas", reached no.3 on the album charts, a sure sign of enduring popularity. A live video of concerts at the Glasgow SECC was also a best seller.

1991 - The "Fellow Hoodlums" album entered the chart at no.2. "Twist and Shout" reached no.10 in the singles chart and the bands' New Years Eve concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall was broadcast live on Radio 1.

1992 - Most of the year was spent in the studio recording the fourth album "Whatever You Say, Say Nothing". "Your Town" entered the singles chart at no.14 towards the end of the year.

1993 - "Whatever You Say, Say Nothing" reaches no. 4 in the album chart. The band completed a sell-out tour of UK and Europe with yet more hit singles.

1994 - "Our Town" the greatest hits albums enters the chart at no.2 and peaks at no.1. Deacon Blue decide to call it a day going out on a high. The album at no.1. The final show was at The Barrowlands in Glasgow.

1999 - The band reform for a one-off charity show in Glasgow in May, which sells out instantly - they follow this with two more sold out shows in Glasgow and have such a good time they decide to reform for a short UK tour and 'The Walking Back Home Tour' was born. The 17 date tour begins on the 7th October in Portsmouth when they play The Guildhall. The band have just re-signed to Columbia Records and release their new album "Walking Back Home" in October.

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