



## MIC CONWAY with ROBBIE LONG (Australia)

Sydney-based, ARIA award winning Mic Conway is an singer, musician, song writer, fire eater, magician, tap dancer, actor, multi-instrumentalist, juggler, latex mask maker, props builder and puppeteer.

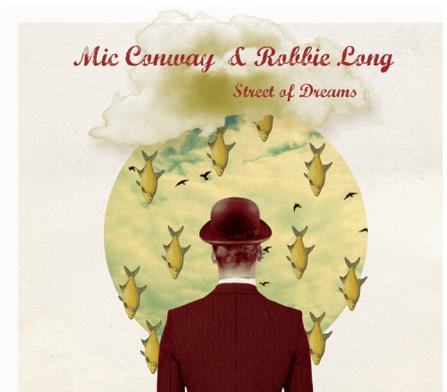
"Street of Dreams" is the new collaboration between Mic Conway and flat-picking guitar champion and multi-instrumentalist Robbie Long. Stripped back, irreverent and shameless, Mic and Robbie play unusual and idiosyncratic tunes that make jaws drop, toes tap and sides split. Featuring some Captain Matchbox favourites like "My Canary Has Circles Under His Eyes" and a fiery version of "Masochism Tango" as well as a swag of Conway including "Jug Band Man" (which was featured on Spicks and Specks, September 2011).

This is Mic the crooner – inspired by Al Bowly, The Ink Spots, Fats Waller and the Hoosier Hotshots. From the moody and dark "Street of Dreams" to the illusions of life and showbiz in "Paper Moon"; from the sculptural and pun-filled construction of a spare-parts lover in "The Dummy Song", to blaming a building for the loss of love in "Winchester Cathedral" – these are songs with strange, dreamlike images. Some classic tin pan melodies, some bizarre originals, "Street of Dreams" is surreal vaudeville with a sense of humour. Croon to melt your ears. The duo has already graced the stages of Melbourne's Comedy Festival and the Melbourne Cabaret Festival, as well as a swag of other events from Darwin Festival to Cobargo.

Mic was born into a family of vaudeville theatre and opera. In the 1970s, together with his brother Jim Conway, Mic founded the *Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band*. To their surprise it became a cult phenomenon, recording seven records, two of which achieved gold status. Mic also joined the legendary *Pram Factory Theatre* in Melbourne, creating *Soapbox Circus*, where he was ringmaster, musician, juggler and acrobat. In 1978 Soapbox became the now world famous *Circus Oz* of which Mic was a founding member.

Mic has toured across Australia, Britain, USA, New Zealand and Asia delighting audiences of all ages. He has written and recorded many albums and worked across the board in theatre, music, cabaret, television and film. His current outfit, *Mic Conway's National Junk Band* is successfully touring and recording the most unique music and entertainment that "defies categorisation" (Sydney Morning Herald).

*"For years, people have been asking me to record an album of classic old songs with beautiful melodies ... I've always loved the popular music of the 1920s and '30s and tin pan alley – crooners like Al Bowly, Ukulele Ike and early Bing Crosby. Words are all important to me, so I have chosen songs with surrealist or odd ball lyrics, and added in a few of my own originals. "Street of Dreams" is surreal vaudeville with a sense of humour. Thanks to meeting and then performing with the marvellous "Big Daddy Robbie Long Legs", and his ability to play anything and everything, then record and produce it all to boot, this dream has become a reality."*  
: Mic Conway, 2011.



### INSTRUMENTS :

MIC CONWAY : Vocals, tenor guitar, musical saw, harmonica, ukulele, gumleaf, silly noises, tap-dancing, fire-eating, juggling, magic.

ROBBIE LONG : Guitar, ukulele, stomp box, mandolin, dobro.

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VIDEO :

"Street of Dreams" concert medley : <http://youtu.be/xtLJlJl-qzll>

"I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire" (with Liz Frencham): <http://youtu.be/iNh0q5btxd4>

"HOTCHA" : [http://youtu.be/hLu\\_WqHUygg](http://youtu.be/hLu_WqHUygg)

"Paper Moon" (live with trio) : <http://youtu.be/ztk8fTudJAM>

Paper Moon (in studio) : <http://youtu.be/9MLp5KCekxY>

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2011/08/18/3296460.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2010/04/29/2886272.htm>

### FESTIVALS :

Folk By The Sea (2014)

Central Coast Uke Festival (2014)

Tour in Germany (July/August 2014)

Melbourne Cabaret Festival (2013)

Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival (2013)

Woodford Folk Festival, QLD (2012/13)

SPRUIKE - Brisbane's Ukulele Festival, QLD (2013)

National Folk Festival, ACT (2012)

Carnivale of Suburbia – Caravan Club, VIC (2012)

Burke and Wills – Wine and Music Festival, VIC (2012)

Northern Beaches Music Festival, NSW (2012)

Melbourne Comedy Festival, VIC (2011)

Melbourne Cabaret Festival, VIC (2010)

Illawarra Folk Festival, NSW (2009, 2010)

Darwin Festival, NT (2009)

Cobargo Folk Festival (2010)

### QUOTES :

*"The king of vaudeville in Australia today."*

: *Lucky Oceans (The Daily Planet, ABC Radio National)*

*"Mic Conway is a very, very talented man. He should be elected as one of Australia's living national treasures."*

: *Bill Riner, ABC Radio, Queensland*

*"Immediately captivating... enchanting entertainment."*

: *Dave Graney, RRR*

*"Mic Conway carries a torch for the idea that music can be fully rounded entertainment, making people giggle, dance and go 'Wow!'."*

: *John Shand, Sydney Morning Herald*

*"That consummate musical trouper, Mic Conway ... a delight!"*

: *Sydney Morning Herald*

*"Bizarre and unique brand of musical lunacy, with Mic "Microphone" Conway."*

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: *Time Out, UK*

*"Mic Conway looks like he was born on a cabaret stage... his ease with a variety of cabaret styles from music hall and vaudeville to New Wave testifies to this involvement and his expertise is apparent."*

: *The Age*

*"Defies categorisation."*

: *Sydney Morning Herald*

*"Mic Conway's genius is for a clever combination of the absurd and witty, with tremendous musicality."*

: *Paul Petran, ABC Radio National*

*"Perfectly pitched... In one tune he was able to pack in a lifetime of Cabaret."*

: *Roy & H.G., ABC TV*

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