



David Vertesi Bio

Although best known as part of the Vancouver indie pop group, Hey Ocean!, it is quickly becoming clear that David Vertesi will not be restrained by the straight jacket hold of a single genre, band or sound. Having toured coast to coast countless times, his range is as varied as the artists he collaborates with: from Ontario's underground rap sensation Shad K and indie-rock veteran JoseMiguel Contreras (By Divine Right) to BC's indie-pop songstress Hannah Georgas and the over the top garage-synth antics of Topless Gay Love Tekno Party.

In keeping with his reputation for being as hardworking as he is talented, Vertesi has recently completed his debut solo album, *Cardiography*. And make no mistake it is a substantial drop in a musical bucket on the verge of overflowing. Set to be released on October 26th through File Under:Music (Dan Mangan, Kathryn Calder), *Cardiography* is a concept driven album about learning to love - what one would assume is well-worn territory, however despite the potential for cliché Vertesi's refreshing frankness (*Gentlemen Say*) and often-painful sincerity (*Mountainside*) steer this record clear of anything banal or ordinary.

His songs highlight the many (and sometimes contradictory) sides of love and like his subject matter, Vertesi manages to be as tragic as he is playful, as refreshing as he is familiar and as spontaneous as he is deliberate. His lyrics give simple yet careful depictions of enduring love (*All Night, All Night, All Night*) and relentless doubt (*Hearts Don't Break, People Do*), while his low and consoling vocals seem to reassure us that one inevitably leads to the other.

In the spirit of artists such as Leonard Cohen, Hayden or David Bazan, he conveys an honesty that echoes through your head long after your first listen and pulls you back with force. Vertesi is a consummate songwriter and musician and though he pays subtle homage to his influences, he seems to carve out a welcomed place for his own distinct sound. Like a diary it's not meant to be profound, just honest.