

## SHAKIN' STEVENS CELEBRATES CAREER SPANNING ANTHOLOGY AND SINGLES COLLECTION WITH 4K VIDEO RESTORATION OF 'MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE'



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Tomorrow (November 27<sup>th</sup> 2020), Shakin' Stevens, one of the greatest hitmakers in UK chart history, releases two catalogue spanning collections; the lavish, 19-disc anthology bookpack *Fire In The Blood*, and the 3CD, 2LP singles collection *Singled Out*. To celebrate the two releases, Shaky has made available an upscaled 4K video of his Christmas classic, the platinum-selling no. 1 single '[Merry Christmas Everyone](#)'.

Post-production company Vanderquest have restored the footage from the original 16mm film negatives, converting the uncut analogue tape to digital on Telecine equipment, and editing the footage using multiple 1" video tape machines. The team then painstakingly went through each and every shot (using the original cut as reference) to find the corresponding shot in the 82 minutes of film to the exact frame. Any dissolves and transitions were also replicated to create a frame accurate matching edit of the original. The finished edit was given a visual polish using a host of modern grading, colour correcting, and digital restoration tools correcting any grain blemishes, visual noise, and imperfections, producing a video of much higher quality than would have been possible at the time of its original release. Finally, the audio was re-laid with the most up-to-date stereo version of the track.

Shaky also releases two career spanning music collections, which were announced a few weeks back alongside two newly released songs; '[I Need You Now](#)', and '[Wild At Heart](#)'.

The 3CD edition of *Singled Out* is the first ever to include Shaky's entire solo singles output, and the 2LP format is personally curated by Shaky himself. His liner notes provide revealing personal insights into the background of key songs. Also making its debut on *Singled Out* is the brand-new single 'Wild At Heart (Neros Single Version)', with the original version on *Fire In The Blood*.

The 26 tracks on the 2LP version of *Singled Out* are all hand-picked by Shaky himself, and the packaging will include a card enabling download of all 54 tracks on the 3CD edition. The singles collection encapsulates all Shaky's singles releases as a solo artist, offering many sought-after rarities such as 'Never' and his seemingly endless glory years at the chart summit. These include four signature UK bestsellers, 'This Ole House', 'Green Door', 'Oh Julie' and of course the perennial 'Merry Christmas Everyone'.

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Other feel-good hits include 'You Drive Me Crazy', 'Marie, Marie', 'Turning Away' and 'A Rockin' Good Way', together with later gems like Shaky's collaboration with Queen's Roger Taylor, 'Radio', 'Now Listen' and the radio hit 'Last Man Alive.'

Ask anyone who grew up knowing the man born Michael Barratt in Ely, Cardiff, the youngest of 13 children, and they will tell you he was born to rock and roll. By his teenage years, he was doing just that, performing the tunes of artists such as Fats Domino, Joe Turner and Chuck Berry, on the road with his various bands.

With talent, charisma and determination in equal measure, Shaky's stage would expand exponentially from church halls to the UK gig circuit and on again to West End acclaim in the *Elvis!* musical, before he set off down a solo recording path with results he could only dream of.

*Singled Out* is an incisive summary of the epic adventure that would make Shaky the UK's bestselling singles artist of the 1980s, and one of our most enduring and beloved music heroes. Four UK No. 1 singles, 15 top tens and 33 top 40s are a tally that few modern artists can match. The same applies to an aggregate year-plus in the top ten, more than four years in the top 40 and an almost endless run of gold, platinum and double platinum albums at home and throughout Europe and internationally.

As Shaky says, *Singled Out* is also a compendium that demonstrates how his creative scope expanded with the passing years, culminating in the huge praise for 2016's exceptional, Americana-flavoured *Echoes Of Our Times* album. He notes of *Singled Out*: "The double aspect of the physical release - on CD and vinyl - includes every single that I've ever released. It truly displays the breadth of my musical styles and the changes in my music over the years, from raw rock'n'roll to rock and country blues, Cajun, Americana and everything in between."

*Singled Out* also stands as a superb appetiser for the spectacular *Fire In The Blood* bookpack, which Stevens describes as "the biggest project of my career." *Fire In The Blood* is the biggest and most complete collection of Shaky's recordings ever undertaken - a celebration of the achievements of an enduring artist whose chart statistics, however phenomenal, tell only part of his story. He says proudly: "Working on the compilation of the tracks, with the varied styles of my music, collating the images, and other aspects of the release, has brought back many precious memories: hard times, good times, and everything in between."

"Nothing came easy, but I wouldn't change it for the world," he concludes. "I hope that everyone enjoys *Fire In The Blood* as much as we have while working on the project. The fire still burns - and always will."

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*Fire In The Blood* full contents and tracklisting available [HERE](#)

*Singled Out* Tracklisting:

3CD TRACKLISTING		2LP TRACKLISTING (Includes Download card)
CD 1	CD 3	LP1 – A Side
1 Never	1 Jezebel (Re-mix)	1 Never
2 Somebody Touched Me	2 Love Attack	2 Somebody Touched Me
3 Justine	3 I Might	3 Treat Her Right
4 Treat Her Right	4 Yes I Do	4 Hot Dog
5 Endless Sleep	5 Pink Champagne	5 Marie Marie
6 Spooky	6 My Cutie Cutie	6 This Ole House
7 Hot Dog	7 Radio	7 You Drive Me Crazy
8 Hey Mae	8 I Can Help	
9 Marie Marie	9 Trouble	LP1 – B Side
10 Shooting Gallery	10 Now Listen	1 Green Door
13 This Ole House	11 Last Man Alive	2 It's Raining
12 You Drive Me Crazy	12 Down Into Muddy Water	3 Oh Julie
11 Green Door	13 Down In The Hole	4 Give Me Your Heart Tonight
14 It's Raining	14 Wild At Heart (Neros Single Version)	5 It's Late
15 Oh Julie	15 Blue Christmas	6 Cry Just A Little Bit
16 Shirley	16 Merry Christmas Everyone	
	17 The Best Christmas Of Them All	

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<p>17 Give Me Your Heart Tonight 18 I'll Be Satisfied</p> <p>CD 2</p> <p>1 It's Late 2 Cry Just A Little Bit 3 Your Ma Said You Cried In Your Sleep Last Night 4 A Rockin' Good Way (with Bonnie Tyler) 5 A Love Worth Waiting For 6 A Letter To You 7 Teardrops 8 Breakin' Up My Heart 9 Lipstick Powder &amp; Paint 10 Turning Away 11 Because I Love You 12 A Little Boogie Woogie (In The Back Of My Mind) 13 Come See About Me 14 What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For 15 Feel The Need In Me 16 How Many Tears Can You Hide 17 True Love</p>	<p>18 I'll Be Home This Christmas 19 Echoes Of Merry Christmas Everyone</p>	<p>7 A Love Worth Waiting For</p> <p>LP2 – A Side</p> <p>1 A Letter To You 2 Teardrops 3 Turning Away 4 Come See About Me 5 Feel The Need In Me 6 Love Attack</p> <p>LP2 – B Side</p> <p>1 Radio 2 Trouble 3 Now Listen 4 Last Man Alive 5 Down In The Hole 6 Merry Christmas Everyone</p> <p>Plus, a card enabling download of all 54 tracks on the 3CD edition.</p>
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