



The DISTRACTIONS

Press Release

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The DISTRACTIONS *Black Velvet* EP

They were the great lost band of 1980. There was one superb single on Factory – the aching *Time Goes By So Slow* – one album on Island – the brilliant *Nobody's Perfect* – and not a lot else. Now all that is to change. Not only are the Distractions getting their first proper career retrospective with a forthcoming Occultation compilation, but also Distractions singer Mike Finney - the most soulful voice of the new wave - and guitarist Steve Perrin, inventive and moody, return with the first Distractions record for a very long time.

Recorded in the mid '90s, these new Perrin/Finney songs show that all the melodic brilliance, lyrical excellence and the Distractions' unique blend of melancholy, humour and longing never goes away. *Black Velvet* is a slow burning fountain of intensity, while *If You Were Mine* is one of the most powerful songs the band has ever recorded and the reworking of *Still it Doesn't Ring* adds greater muscular melancholy than before.

Later this year, the Distractions will follow this EP with completely new music, recorded in Liverpool this summer. And all these releases from different eras point to one thing: the timeless quality of the Distractions' music. In 2010, as in 1994, 1980, and 1978, Mike Finney is still one of the best vocalists around, Steve Perrin is still an extraordinary guitarist. The only thing that's changed is that the Distractions are no longer a great lost band – they're just a great band.

David Quantick

Details: The *Black Velvet* digital EP is available now from the Occultation website and will be released worldwide, via the usual platforms, on 13th September 2010. It will be followed by the *Come Home* EP, on 12" vinyl and digital download, in November 2010 and then the *Nothing* compilation album early in 2011.

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About Occultation Recordings

The Occultation motto is: "One heavenly body may conceal another as they move through space"

The label launched in early 2009 with the simultaneous release of two limited edition 10" vinyl releases, The Wild Swans' *English Electric Lightning* and The Granite Shore's *Tomorrow morning, 3 a.m.* in April 2009, followed in November that year by a further Wild Swans single, *Liquid Mercury*, on 7". The 2010 release schedule includes Jonathan Beckett's *She's A Vampire* digital EP and the second Granite Shore single, *Flood of fortune*, plus the *Black Velvet* digital EP by Manchester's legendary Distractions, who will then follow that with a new single. 2011 will finally see the unveiling of *The Coldest Winter For A Hundred Years*, the first new Wild Swans album in more than 20 years along with a Distractions retrospective entitled *Nothing*.

Occultation releases are available online at www.occultation.co.uk, from good independent record shops - distributed by Cargo in the UK - and as downloads through the usual digital platforms - worldwide digital distribution by Believe.



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Catalogue 2009-2010

Catalogue no.	Artist	Title	Format
DIONE7D9001	The Wild Swans	English Electric Lightning	10"
RHEA7D9002	The Granite Shore	Tomorrow morning, 3 a.m.	10"
DIONE7D9003	The Wild Swans	Liquid Mercury	7"
IO7DA005	Jonathan Beckett	She's A Vampire EP	Digital
RHEA7DA006	The Granite Shore	Flood of fortune	7"
YMIR7DA007	The Distractions	Black Velvet EP	Digital
YMIR7DA008	The Distractions	Come Home EP	12"

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