

LUPEN CROOK and the MURDERBIRDS

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LUPEN CROOK & THE MURDERBIRDS RELEASE 5-TRACK FREE DOWNLOAD EP Great Fears & Curious Predictions – Second Instalment of New Material For 2009

The Pirate's Wife
Beauties & Beasts
Dorothy Deserves
Scissor Kick
Window Pain & Terrible Weather

Recorded live by Jim Riley at Ranscombe Studios

Whilst putting the finishing touches to their third album, Lupen Crook and The Murderbirds are offering fans the chance to hear the results of one of the band's 2008 acoustic sessions, in the form of a download-only EP entitled **Great Fears & Curious Predictions**. The EP contains fledgling versions of five new songs performed live throughout the past year and represents a candid insight into the band's creative process.

Returning from New York in June 2008 as a revived and inspired three-piece, Lupen Crook, Tom Langridge and Bob Langridge headed straight to a local analogue studio to record these tracks. Performed with the same "back to basics" equipment that the band had used in New York – two acoustic guitars, a Cajon box drum and the odd pot and pan – and recorded in a single session, the sound is warm, earthy and occasionally raw.

The EP documents the work of a band in the process of reviewing its approach. These were the first recordings to take place following the release of the second album, *Iscariot the Ladder*. Crook's voice is yet to shake off the occasional Americanism and settle into his natural Medway accent. However, the material is more concise and less baroque than previous output, performed with a surprising lightness of touch.

Pleased with the results, the band summoned Craig Harff – who they had met during their New York misadventure – to join them in England to work on enhanced versions of various new songs for the next album. Recorded several months prior to the material released earlier this year as *The Lost Belongings*, this EP therefore provides a window into the band's recent past, as well as further indicating its future direction.

Lupen Crook and The Murderbirds' third album is now due for release in early 2010. The **Great Fears & Curious Predictions** EP is released as a free download at 09:09 on 09/09/09, via the band's website at www.lupencrookandthemurderbirds.co.uk. Ongoing information about the band's creative output across a variety of media (music, video, artwork, writing) can also be found on the website.

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