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THE MARIGOLD'S MONUMENTAL RETURN

With the recent release of their new album, *Weekend Friend*, I spoke to The Marigolds lead singer, Declan Hughes about this exciting, new chapter in their career.

With The Marigolds seeming to be on a break from releasing new music after their success at winning a Brit award, the news of their album drop came out of the blue but nevertheless filled fans with excitement. Their previous albums, *Too Good* and *Retrospect* have been nothing short of spectacular, establishing their distinctive and unique style. *Weekend Friend* is nothing different. It contains their usual style of love songs and upbeat anthems creating a feeling of nostalgia while incorporating electronic beats into some of their tracks creating a new, fresh and alternative sound.

WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION FOR THIS ALBUM?

After having a break from music for a few years to focus on our personal lives we decided to regroup around 6 months ago. After a few weeks we had been stuck in a musical mind block having no fresh or unique ideas for this new album that we wanted to create. After one failed songwriting session, Lucy (lead guitarist) and I took a walk through Hyde Park and saw a group of kids around 15 and 16 years old hanging out together. This gave me inspiration as I realized we had been caught up in our own adult lives we had forgotten how to have fun with music. From this experience I knew I wanted this album to be different. I wanted to capture the freedom and excitement of youth.

WHAT MESSAGES DID YOU WANT TO GET ACROSS IN YOUR LYRICS?

We wanted to give the message that it was ok to be

unapologetically you. We wanted to give our audience a sense of freedom when they heard our album.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TRACK?

I would have to say that *Honey Sweet* is my favourite. It has such a nostalgic feel however the electronic beats in the chorus give the song a unique sound that we haven't explored yet before. The lyric that really gets me is, "I want to love you but I don't have time." It explains in my opinion perfectly how it feels to lose someone as you are moving on with your lives at different paces.

YOU HAVE WON A BRIT AWARD AND ARE NOW UP FOR A GRAMMY AWARD. HOW HAS THIS SUCCESS IMPACTED YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Above of everything family is the most important thing to me and always will be. Recently with having such a busy schedule, I

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