



**New studio album from legendary Sheffield band Haze
'Back To The Bones' GABCD21 on Gabadon Records out 4th July 2020**

Sheffield progressive rockers **Haze** have just released '*Back To The Bones*' their first studio album of new material since 2013's '*The Last Battle*'. Out on 4th July on CD and download/stream from Bandcamp and all the other usual places, the album features 10 original songs.

This is the first studio album to feature new drummer, and guitarist Paul McMahon's son, Danny McMahon, who also produced & engineered the album.

The album is probably the heaviest sounding release from the band, marking a definite 'back to our roots' direction, although there is still some of the folky influence from '*The Last Battle*' apparent in some songs.

All songs were written by guitarist/vocalist Paul McMahon, with 3 co-written by Catrin Ashton, one with Chris McMahon and one with Danny McMahon.

In fact the song '*Lockdown*', was entirely written and performed by Danny McMahon, with Paul McMahon just adding lyrics, vocals & slide guitar & Chris adding bass.

In keeping with a long-standing **Haze** tradition, we've included one very old song on the CD '*To Us All*', written in the 70s when Chris & Paul were still teenagers!

Although we have been unable to perform live due to lockdown, the band have been performing regular Sunday afternoon concerts, livestreamed from our Cellar Studio, which have attracted a good following, and may have contributed to this being our fastest selling album to date, despite having no distribution or record company support.

We have one live show pencilled in with the John Hackett Band at the 1865 Club in Southampton on Sunday 8th November, but it's too early to say whether this will go ahead or not.

For the moment we are continuing with our Sunday afternoon lockdown livestreams, which are streamed live to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HazeUK/> and posted to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/ChrisGabadon>

HAZE 'Back To The Bones'

Released on Gabadon Records GABCD 21 on 4th July 2020

Available from <https://www.gabadon.co.uk/backtothebones.html>

And <https://hazeuk.bandcamp.com/album/back-to-the-bones>

As well as itunes, spotify, etc. etc...

Track listing:- 'See You On The Other Side' (6:03), 'Faces On The Wall' (3:58), 'The Snake' (8:04), 'The Last Post' (6:38), 'Suzanne' (2:31), 'To Us All' (9:20), 'Lockdown' (5:05), 'The Awakeners' (6:54), 'A Call To Arms' (8:25), 'The Summoning Dark' (11:51).

Haze Personnel:-

Danny McMahon - drums

Paul McMahon - guitar, vocals

Chris McMahon - bass, keyboards, vocals

Catrin Ashton – fiddle, mandolin & vocals

BIOGRAPHY

Formed in the late 70s by brothers Chris & Paul, they were joined by Paul Chisnell in '83 and established their reputation as one of the hardest working underground bands of the 80s. The band released 2 LPs, 3 singles & many cassettes, and played over 500 shows around the UK & Europe before disbanding after a farewell concert at Sheffield University in '88.

The McMahon brothers continued with **World Turtle**, but reformed Haze in 1998 for a 20th anniversary show, which was released as a double CD on Cyclops Records. For the next 10 years the band played intermittently together, including European tours & festival appearances, but primarily concentrated on their acoustic band **Treebeard**, who released 2 CDs & were very much in demand on the folk & beer festival circuit.

In 2008 **Haze** got together again for a couple of 30th anniversary shows, again released by Cyclops Records, and in 2010 toured Italy; one show from this tour was recorded by tour promoter Daniele Castracane and released as the "*in that branch of the lake*" DVD.

In 2013 the band released a new studio CD of original songs; "*The Last Battle*" features 14 new recordings by the 'classic' Haze line-up of the McMahon brothers and Paul Chisnell, with sisters Cat & Ceri Ashton adding strings & woodwind.

Just before its release, drummer Paul Chisnell retired from playing, citing increasingly bad tinnitus for his inability to continue. The band immediately recruited Danny McMahon, son of guitarist Paul to fill the vacant drum stool. Although only 14, Danny had been playing drums for over 7 years, and has frequently guested with the band at local shows.

The band took part in the 2weeks 2make it video competition in 2013 with '*The Last Battle*' and in 2015 with a new song '*Faces on the Wall*', and again in 2018 with an animated video for '*The Snake*' which won the Scott Sparanza best video award.

In 2018 the band celebrated their 40th anniversary, with, predictably enough, two shows, a double CD and a live DVD, these being the first recordings to feature Danny on drums.

The band have just released their first studio album in 7 years '*Back To The Bones*' on Gabadon Records on 4th July 2020, and are performing lockdown livestreams every Sunday afternoon to Facebook.com/HazeUK

Despite building their reputation as a progressive rock band, **Haze** have always drawn on a wide variety of influences, ranging from pop, rock, folk, metal, meandering psychedelic jams to tightly structured prog epics.

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