

Singer is on track for hit

HUNTLY singer songwriter Michael Forsyth today releases on download his first single.

Escape the World is the title track from Michael and his band Amber Haze's upcoming album which is due out within the next eight weeks.

Earlier in the year, Michael realised every musician's dream when his album Stop the World reached No.1 in the UK iTunes Singer Songwriter chart, beating artistes such as Ed Sheeran, James Bay and Tom Odell.

In a massive social media response, the album then went on to climb the charts in America, Lithuania and Nepal.

The latest single, penned by Michael has been mixed by Danny Saber who has worked with pop legends such as the Rolling Stones and David Bowie.

Saber has also mixed a further seven of the 10 tracks for the album which is being recorded at Steve Ransome's studios near Turriff.

Reviews of Escape the World describe it as an anthemic and accomplished slice of indie pop which is immediate in its appeal. Michael hopes it will extend his growing fan base.

He is a prolific writer and told The Huntly Express that he has a

collection of at least 30 songs written. He said: "Escape the World is more upbeat, happier and more melodic in response to what people said about my first album. But that first album opened doors for me and has made it possible for me to pay for this latest one.

"I am just happy to be making music. I work three days a week and away from that spend time with my wife and kids and make music whether that is in the garden or sitting at the kitchen table. Putting pen to paper and letting the melodies and lyrics flow is my passion."

Michael's musical career began at age 13 as a member of the local band Earth, playing local venues and charity gigs.

He attributes his interest in music and success to his dad, Colin who first put a guitar into his hands and then taught him to play.

The single will be available on iTunes, Spotify, Google Play and Amazon.

Michael (30) hopes that he and his bass guitarist in Amber Haze, Mark Johnstone, will soon start playing gigs in Aberdeen and they are looking to support an up-and-coming young band.



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