

# TINDERSTICKS

## *The Something Rain*

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Third album since Tindersticks' 2008 return from a 5-year hiatus.

First Tindersticks album to be entirely produced by the band, with Stuart A. Staples assuming full recording and mixing duties at his own Le Chien Chanceux studio.

Features renowned horn player Terry Edwards (PJ Harvey, Nick Cave, Gallon Drunk) and vocalist Gina Foster on several tracks.

Tindersticks has been charting a glorious trajectory since returning to action in 2008 following a 5-year hiatus. With band leader Stuart A. Staples and co-founders David Boulter and Neil Fraser forming a core trio of original members, Tindersticks definitively returned to form with two critically-acclaimed albums of "wonderfully classy, coyly playful, coarse pop balladry"\* in 2008 and 2010.

The band's new record, *The Something Rain*, makes this a trifecta.

As Staples asserts, Tindersticks has by this point truly become a band again, with the rhythm section of Dan McKinna (bass) and Earl Harvin (drums) now solidly in the fold and the group well-oiled from several years of touring in this configuration. The band's 2011 performances of its expansive body of film music penned for French art-house director Claire Denis (collected in a luxurious box set on Constellation) also brought a fresh sensibility to bear on the group.

*The Something Rain* brims and bristles with canny narrative thrust. Slinky, supple compositions are spiked with plenty of barbed edges and sparkling fizz. Right out the gate, album opener "Chocolate" features David Boulter's sequel to the spoken-word classic "My Sister" from Tindersticks' 1995 eponymous release. Boulter narrates the story while the band works up a brilliant, brewing crescendo, abetted by the swirling horns of long-time collaborator Terry Edwards. This is indeed a new Tindersticks classic – edgier, more exuberant and more expansive – that spurs *The Something Rain* into a set of rolling, at times rollicking, and always inimitably Tinderstickian takes on smoky Northern Soul.

Staples' home studio Le Chien Chanceux has figured prominently throughout the Tindersticks reunification period, but with *The Something Rain*, this space – and Staples' ongoing immersion in recording and mixing techniques – has fully emerged as ground zero for the band's sound. For the first time, Le Chien Chanceux serves as the location for the entirety of a Tindersticks album production, and Staples himself is solely credited with the recording and mixing. The album sounds terrific, and is a testament to Tindersticks' continuing reinvigoration – a renewed dedication to charting its own course and shaping its own destiny, further reinforced by the band issuing *The Something Rain* on its own Lucky Dog imprint for the UK, while partnering with Constellation and City Slang for North America and Europe respectively.

\* Exclaim! Magazine



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ARTIST: TINDERSTICKS  
TITLE: THE SOMETHING RAIN

- 1 Chocolate
- 2 Show Me Everything
- 3 This Fire Of Autumn
- 4 A Night So Still
- 5 Slippin' Shoes
- 6 Medicine
- 7 Frozen
- 8 Come Inside
- 9 Goodbye Joe

GENRE: Auteur Pop/Rock

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