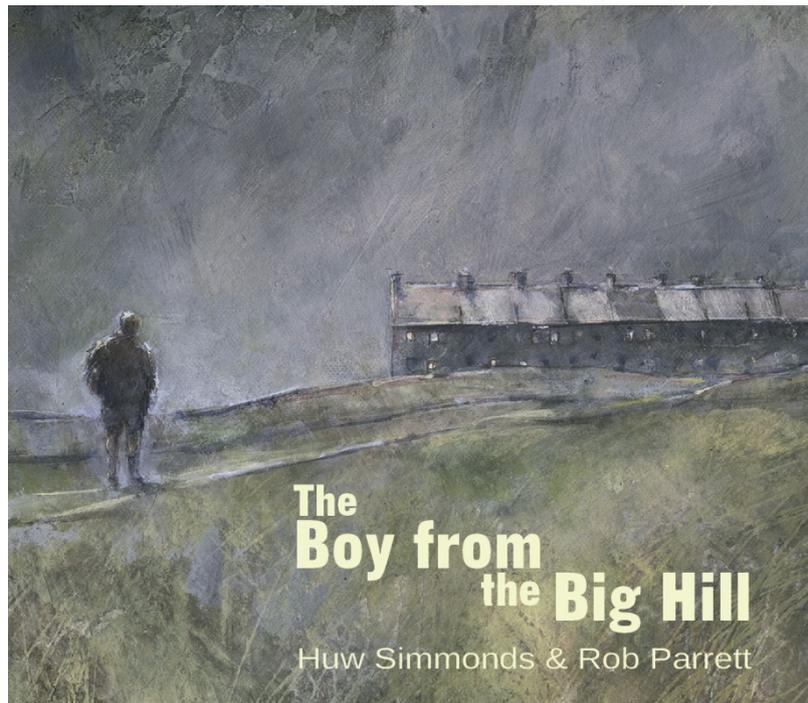


## 'The Boy from the Big Hill'



*Special Limited Edition only available on CD*

### **A unique collaboration of Music and Art.**

The music was inspired by and based on the lives, times and stories that connect the unique historic links, community and character of the area from Brynmawr, (The Big Hill), down through Clydach Gorge to Gilwern and the outskirts of Abergavenny.

The region was irrevocably transformed in the 19th century by the iron, limestone and coal industries, but is now a fascinating area where nature has reclaimed the landscape, but still reveals its intriguing historical past in this unique area of Wales.

#### **The Music**

The opening instrumental sets the scene for the album and then each track captures a place or moment in time through beautifully crafted acoustic based songs and musical soundscapes by two highly dexterous guitarists. The accompanying booklet features the paintings of the renowned Welsh artist **Goff Danter** and archive photos relating to the songs and music including:

**'From Shakespeare's Cave to Pucks Valley'** - *'Follow me if you dare and I'll take you deep into the Clydach Gorge'*. Some people say that the great bard William Shakespeare was inspired to write the play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' following a visit to the Gorge over 400 years ago.

**'The Old High Street'** - follows the comings and goings of the high street shops, inhabitants and characters. It manages to say something universal about the community of a small town and the reminiscences of how the old high streets used to be.

**'The Blaina Boys 1930'** - with special guest Huw Williams. Based on the story of the unemployed miners who headed off to the south of England in search of work. Crawshay Baileys **'Picnic Train'**, the tragedy of **'The Circus Bear'**, the mythical story of **'The Lonely Shepherd's wife'** and how penguins almost came to inhabit the hills in **'Picking up Penguins'**.

## The Musicians

**Rob Parrett:-** is a successful, prolific and creative production music writer, producer and solo artist who, apart from his film and television work, has also composed for EMI, BMG, Universal, Sony, Sonoton, APM, Lemoncake and Hit Music covering numerous musical genres. As a solo artist he has receiving critical acclaim in the UK, Canada, North America and Europe and been described as ‘a refreshing, versatile and sensitive composer’.

**Huw Simmonds:-** Huw started playing music at seventeen on a guitar he’d ‘borrowed’ from his sister. He has made numerous recordings of his own material with a selection of prominent musicians in the area.

He met Rob in the winter of 2016 and jumped at the chance of working on a project that was based on the stories that he’d heard as a boy and areas he’d explored growing up around his hometown of Brynmawr.

The album features special guests including: **Huw Williams, Phil Capaldi, Dan James, Adam Daffurn, Ted Edwards, Frank Westall and Ian Britton.**

**The Artist** - the renowned Welsh Artist from Brynmawr **Goff Danter**, is recognised as being amongst the most sought after and collectable painters in the contemporary art market. His perfectionist attitude, individual style and quality of work have led to demand exceeding availability. His expressive paintings reflect the mood or atmosphere of events and locations, rather than purely pictorial representation and references to the places he knows so well.



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