

Tuesday's Child is ...

Full of Hits!

Renowned UK music producer Jon Astley - the man behind hit albums by The Who, Eric Clapton and Debbie Harry - has teamed up with an Irish children's charity for a fundraising CD featuring top home-grown artists.

Brother-in-law of guitar legend Pete Townsend, Astley agreed to compile **Tuesday's Child** (named after the charity), in support of their projects in 12 poverty-stricken regions such as the shanty towns of Sao Paulo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Congo, Gaza and Zimbabwe, where children are suffering - and in many cases starving - from a fundamental lack of resources.

The compilation album features 31 soulful tracks by Irish acts including **Snow Patrol** (*You Could Be Happy*), **Ronan Keating** (*Heaven*), **Westlife** (*Angel*), **Brian Kennedy** (*What You Wish For*), **Mary Black** (*Speaking With The Angel*), **The 4 of Us** (*Sunlight*), **Duke Special** (*Come Wander With Me*), **Eleanor McEvoy** (*When You Smile*) and **Kila**, who wrote a new song, *Beyond*, for the CD.

'We came up with the idea of putting childhood photographs of all the artists involved on the CD cover and insert,' said Jon, who has recently finished working on a **Boomtown Rats** re-issue. *'It's an*

evocative reminder of how innocent and vulnerable we all are as children, and of how important it is for us to do our bit to help the most underprivileged kids of this world.'

Snow Patrol singer **Gary Lightbody** came on board with the project after becoming an uncle for the first time. *'Upon my first hold of my niece Honey, I soon realised that without my sister and my brother-in-law she would be helpless,' said Gary. 'So many children are born without the protection and love that my little niece has, and that is why charities like Tuesday's Child are so important.'*

The double CD will go on sale at €19.99 in record stores nationwide on Friday 7th March, following its official Irish launch in **L'Ecrivain** restaurant in Dublin on Thursday 8 March.

Among the stars attending will be **Ronan Keating**: *'As a father of three wonderful kids I am lucky to be able to provide them with what I hope is a great start in life,' said Ronan. 'Every child deserves nothing less. So, I hope that this Tuesday's Child album can help those who deserve it the most.'*

Eleanor McEvoy paid tribute to the charity *'for finding a way to help and for focusing on the need to help children, especially those affected by conflict and violence.'*

Mary Black added: *"Children are precious and should never have to*

suffer. That is why I am so happy to be involved in this worthwhile project.'

The album's title track Tuesday's Child is written and performed by Belfast singer/songwriter **Gerry Creen**. Other leading artists on the CD include **Cara Dillon, Liam O Maonlai, Kieran Goss, Julie Feeney, Ben Glover, Claire Sproule, Kate Purcell** and **Jimmy MacCarthy**.

All Tuesday's Child projects are in keeping with the United Nations Convention of the Human Rights of Children. All money raised from sales of the CD will go directly to supporting these projects.

The Tuesday's Child album can also be purchased online now from www.tuesdayschild.ie

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