

## *Cruel & Unusual* -- New album from Steven MacDougall

"**Cruel & Unusual**" is the work of a world class songwriter. For his second solo release, Steven MacDougall draws from his vast and diverse musical vocabulary -- folk, country, rhythm and blues, and rock and roll -- all influenced by his Cape Breton musical roots and world-wide travels with his band, Slowcoaster. But the songs are not the only strength of this record, it also showcases the warmth and depth of MacDougall's distinctive vocals in the most sincere of ways.

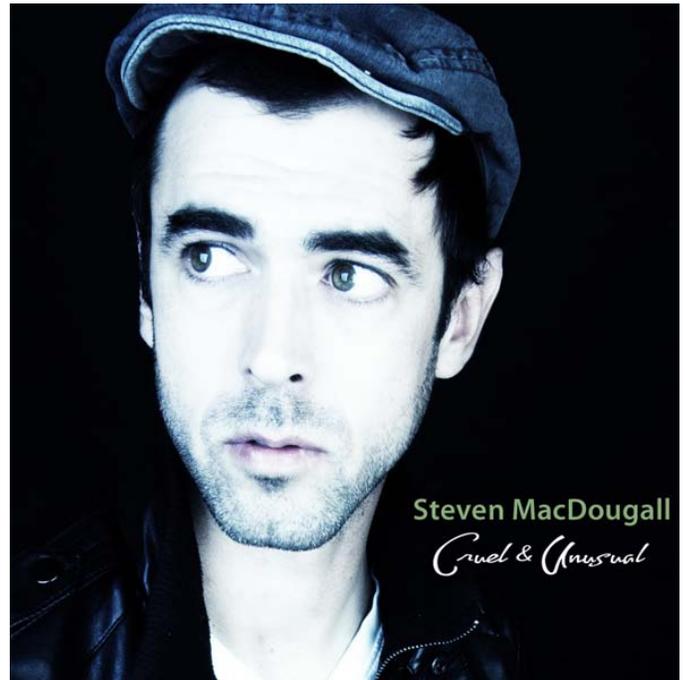
MacDougall is backed on the new album by Ed Woodsworth, Jamie Foulds, Slowcoaster bandmate, Brian Talbot, and the vocal talent of the Dingwall Sisters (Rosa). From the introspective *Oh My God*, to the heartbreaking *Cruel & Unusual*, these songs showcase the considerable skills of one of Canada's premier song-writing, performing and recording artists while revealing a more thoughtful side of MacDougall and his growth as a songwriter.

Steven MacDougall is the frontman and principal writer for the multi-award winning Cape Breton rock band, Slowcoaster. While MacDougall keeps busy recording and touring with Slowcoaster's high-energy, danceable tunes -- it is by no means his only creative outlet.

In 2005, MacDougall began writing with Gordie Sampson for Sampson's album, "Sunburn," netting two co-writing credits. In 2007, he began making writing trips to Nashville, co-writing for Gordie Sampson's record, "For the Few and Far Between" -- netting four co-writing credits and the start of a love affair with Music City resulting in more than 75 songs written there in the last year alone.

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MacDougall has been Musical Director for the ECMA Awards Show and was a member of the three man writing team that composed the music for the 2010 Paralympic Games. MacDougall also shares his experience and talent every summer, teaching and mentoring young writers at The Gordie Sampson Songcamp.

MacDougall has shared the stage with Gordie Sampson, Bruce Guthro, J.P. Cormier, Lennie Gallant, Rita MacNeil, Matt Mays, Ron Hynes and many other luminaries.

### *Cruel & Unusual* Track Listings

1. Kiss Me Like You Mean It
2. Don't Hold Your Breath
3. Cliché
4. The Forgotten Song
5. Cruel and Unusual
6. Don't Sing About Love
7. Oh My God
8. Who Would You Be?
9. One Thing On My Mind
10. No One Wins
11. By Now
12. Sing Me To Sleep