

# DUKE SPECIAL

## I NEVER THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD COME

The brand new album, out October 17, 2008  
on Universal Music Ireland

Duke Special releases his new album **I Never Thought This Day Would Come** in Ireland on Friday October 17, 2008 on Universal Music Ireland. This is an album for sleepwalkers, skeletons and gravediggers, for those who have fallen so far down they can taste the soil between their teeth.

A more immediate and visceral collection than the previous multi platinum selling **Songs From The Deep Forest**, the new album's many moments of beauty and hope are juxtaposed with a dark, brooding edge- the trademark twist of the Duke.

Recorded between Wapping, London; Champaign, Illinois and Culleybackey, Northern Ireland, **I Never Thought This Day Would Come** was produced by long-time collaborator **Paul Pilot** and mixed by **Nick Terry**, best known for his work with the **Klaxons** and The **Libertines**.

In a deliberate attempt to push outwards, Duke Special undertook many writing collaborations for this album including sessions with **Daniel Benjamin** - drummer with German punk band Jumbo Jet, **Paul Pilot**, **Phil Wilkinson** and **Bernard Butler**. The wind, brass and percussion of the **RTE Symphony Orchestra**, under the stewardship of the inimitable **David Brophy**, add a swirling carnival flavour to the proceedings.

Since the release of **Songs From The Deep Forest**, Duke Special has toured sold out shows across Ireland, the UK and Europe. From headlining a packed-to-the-rafters **Shepherds Bush Empire** in London to stage diving at **Electric Picnic**, **hosting five sell out nights back-to-back at Belfast's Empire Music Hall** to appearing as a special guest performer at the **Cannes Film Festival**, Duke Special has come further than he ever imagined he might. **Crowded House** invited him along on their first tour in ten years, he gave a little known Welsh singer called **Duffy** her first ever shows, gusted for the legendary **Ray Davies** in London and performed at The Irish Film Boards *Oscar Wilde* event in LA.

Duke Special's immense creative talents have seen him writing the theme tune for **Sesame Tree** - the Northern Ireland edition of **Sesame Street** - where he also got to sing with **The Muppets** in the final episode. He has hosted a night at the **Belfast Film Festival** where he performed as a puppet of himself. He recently created a night of song and theatre in the **Spiegel tent** for the **Dublin Fringe Festival** and performed his songs accompanied by a 60 piece strong **RTE Symphony Orchestra** at a sold out show in **Dublin's National Concert Hall**. The Duke is currently learning to swordfight for an upcoming on stage showdown with his long time nemesis, **Neil Hannon**.

Duke Special is the fucked up ringmaster of a broken down circus, the lead dancer in a forgotten ballroom of ghosts, the loudest singer in a midnight choir and the first on his knees in an old time revival tent. [www.dukespecial.com](http://www.dukespecial.com)

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