



"Politically driven roots reggae folk-hop with a sly sense of humour"

## INTRODUCTION

Billy Salisbury, a.k.a. The Undercover Hippy, is definitely not your average singer songwriter. His music brings together folk guitar, soulful vocals, infectious reggae rhythms, and the lyrical wordplay and delivery of a skilled mc. After 7 years spent DJ'ing and MC'ing on the Drum & Bass circuit, Billy ditched the decks for a guitar and started out as a solo act in 2007. Although he still does solo gigs, he now usually plays with a full 6 piece band, mixing fiddle, Hammond organ, drums, bass and backing vocals to create a high energy, interactive and highly entertaining live show. Combining inspiring, thought provoking lyrics, awesome freestyling and heaps of audience participation, it is impossible not to get caught up in the impassioned energy emanating from the stage. Think *Jason Mraz* meets *Fat Freddy's Drop*...on a protest march...at the Edinburgh Fringe.

## PERFORMANCES

From starting out 5 years ago playing in festival cafes for a free meal, The Undercover Hippy and his band of backstreet groove pushers now perform at some of the UK's best festivals, including Glastonbury, The Big Chill, Green Man, The Secret Garden Party, Sunrise Celebration, Ireland's Electric Picnic, and many more. Highlights for 2011 include performing on the main stage before Gomez at Scotland's Eden Festival, and playing to a ram-packed audience in The Park at Glastonbury Festival. They also gig regularly in their home town of Bristol, as well as doing tours around the UK. Billy is currently teaming up with Mumbai based band "Something Relevant" to do a winter tour of the Indian west coast, but will be back in March for another summer of UK performances.

## THE MUSIC

Latest E.P. – "Why We Fight". Recommended tracks:

2. Boyfriend (upbeat reggae, amusing, entertaining)
3. Global Recession (political, world, groove based)

To hear a selection of his music, see videos of performances, and view press photos, please visit:

[www.undercoverhippy.com/press](http://www.undercoverhippy.com/press)

## BOOKING

The Undercover Hippy is available for bookings, either solo or with band, from March 2012 onwards. Contact details below.

## LINKS

[www.undercoverhippy.com](http://www.undercoverhippy.com)  
[www.facebook.com/undercoverhippy](http://www.facebook.com/undercoverhippy)  
[www.soundcloud.com/undercoverhippy](http://www.soundcloud.com/undercoverhippy)

"Exceptional. He had the attention of every person in the audience...Highly recommended!!" - **The Note**

"Combining pointed and clever lyrics with an almost spiritual acoustic guitar, the emotion and truth in his words pierce deep. His is the kind of music which makes one want to quit their job, grow dreds ...and just chill out."

- **Record Union**

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