



# Robert Forster

new album

## 'The Candle And The Flame'

to be released on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb '23

plus UK/Ireland tour dates

new single - 'She's A Fighter' - available now

Watch the Video Here: <https://youtu.be/HfYYdH3BrqQ>

Acclaimed Australian singer-songwriter **Robert Forster** today announces his 8th solo album '**The Candle And The Flame**' to be released on **Friday 3rd February '23** on the Tapete label. You can pre-order the album here: <https://orcd.co/robert-forster>

'**The Candle And The Flame**' consists of 9 new original songs written by **Robert**. Produced by **Robert, Karin Bäumler** and **Louis Forster (The Goon Sax)**, the album was recorded at Alchemix Studios in Brisbane and mixed by **Victor Van Vugt (Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, PJ Harvey)**. The cast of musicians features former **Go-Betweens** and **Warm Nights** bass player **Adele Pickvance** as well as **Scott Bromiley** and **Luke McDonald (The John Steele Singers)**, who worked on **Robert's 'Inferno'** and '**Songs To Play**' albums.

The full tracklisting for the album is:

1. SHE'S A FIGHTER
2. TENDER YEARS
3. IT'S ONLY POISON
4. THE ROADS
5. I DON'T DO DRUGS I DO TIME
6. ALWAYS
7. THERE'S A REASON TO LIVE
8. GO FREE
9. WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN

The first single to be taken from **'The Candle And The Flame'**, **'She's A Fighter'**, is available now.

**Robert** says: *“**'She's A Fighter'** is the last song I wrote for **'The Candle And The Flame'** album. I wrote the music for it in June 2021. I liked the tune and the quick energy of the song, but I didn't know yet what it was going to be about. In early July, Karin Bäumlér, my wife and musical companion for thirty-two years, received a cancer diagnosis. In late July, with a series of chemotherapy sessions about to begin, Karin talked of fighting for her health and a path through chemotherapy to recovery. The phrase, **'She's A Fighter'** came to me. I liked it. And I knew immediately that it would work with my new melody. I needed just one other line for the lyric. 'Fighting for good.' The song was finished. I had written my first two-line song. I had just out-Ramoned The Ramones! Because the song has so much meaning to us, we decided to record it as a family...the only time this happens on the album. Karin sings and plays xylophone. Our daughter Loretta plays electric guitar. Our son Louis plays guitar, bass and percussion. And I strum an acoustic guitar fiercely and sing. And that's **'She's a Fighter'**.”*

That coming together musically as a family is captured in the video for **'She's A Fighter'**. **Robert** again - *“The video was shot in the same studio where the album was recorded. So there is continuity,” **Forster** said. “And the way the four of us sit in a circle playing, is very much how we recorded **'She's A Fighter'** and other tracks on the album.”*

**Robert Forster's** 'The Candle And The Flame' tour will come to the UK and Ireland in 2023. The full list of shows is:

MARCH 2023

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|----|---------------|------------------------|
| 11 | STRATHAVEN    | Strathaven Hotel       |
| 12 | EDINBURGH     | Mash House             |
| 14 | YORK          | Crescent               |
| 15 | HEBDEN BRIDGE | Trades Club            |
| 16 | WOLVERHAMPTON | Newhampton Arts Centre |
| 17 | OXFORD        | Bullington             |

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| 20 | LONDON   | Lafayette      |
| 21 | BRIGHTON | Komedia        |
| 23 | BELFAST  | Empire         |
| 24 | DUBLIN   | Button Factory |

Tickets are available here: <https://www.seetickets.com/tour/robert-forster>

**Robert Forster** was the co-founder/songwriter (with Grant McLennan) of much loved Australian group The Go-Betweens, who made 9 albums in the 80s and early 2000s. **Robert** has released 6 solo albums of original material: *Danger In The Past* ('90); *Calling From A Country Phone* ('93); *Warm Nights* ('96); *The Evangelist* ('08); *Songs To Play* ('15); and *Inferno* ('19). He also released an album of his favourite songs by other artists called *I Had a New York Girlfriend* ('94). From 2005 to 2013, **Forster** was the music critic for Australian politics and culture magazine The Monthly. A collection of his music writings was published in 2009, titled, 'The Ten Rules of Rock and Roll'. In 2016, **Forster's** memoir, 'Grant & I' was published, winning the Book Of The Year award in Mojo and Uncut.

**Robert** is currently writing a novel and preparing the release of Volume 3 of The Go-Betweens Boxset series, 'G Stands For Go-Betweens.'

#### WHAT THE PAPERS SAID ABOUT ROBERT FORSTER'S 2019 ALBUM 'INFERNO'

"...exquisitely presented and rendered in the kind of creamy white clarity that will not yellow or crack."

4\* MOJO

"Deliciously wry, effortlessly melodious reflections on ageing, climate change and the debatable consolations of cult status..."

UNCUT

"...a vibey, life-affirming record that's up there with his best."

4\* RECORD COLLECTOR

"...features Forster's wistful, routinely excellent bohemian songcraft."

4\* MAIL ON SUNDAY

"...one of the most respected artists in the business....a master of perception and winning pop tunes..."

4\* THE SUN

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RELEASE DATE 3<sup>rd</sup> FEB '23. PRE-ORDER here: <https://orcd.co/robert-forster>**

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