**BENJAMIN FRANCIS LEFTWICH RELEASES NEW SONG ‘TINSEL IN THE RIVER’**

**THE SINGER-SONGWRITER’S CHRISTMAS SONG IS OUT NOW VIA DIRTY HIT**

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**Cover art for ‘Tinsel In The River’/ All press assets available** [**here**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-ja0WZ0IATHP6aLxQl9IXq-qb6RQf5vc?usp=sharing)

***Listen to ‘Tinsel In The River’ here:***

[***https://benleftwich.ffm.to/tinselintheriver***](https://benleftwich.ffm.to/tinselintheriver)

Benjamin Francis Leftwich has released his Christmas song entitled ‘Tinsel In The River’. Written and performed by Leftwich, it is out now via Dirty Hit.

Featuring his trademark acoustic guitar playing, intimate, honest vocals and lyrics with a heartbreaking perspective on the festive period, Benjamin says:

*“‘Tinsel In The River’ is a song about sitting alone over the Christmas period and reflecting over the previous year of love, loss and what could have been - but flew out of one's hands. The song is set against the Christmas party season in the town in Yorkshire where I am from. The city comes alive with the party, the bag, loving fellowship - and also chaos.*

*To me the song is about that feeling of isolation, set against the backdrop of bright noisiness at that time of year and how the sparkle of it all can also be the trigger for the pain that was so nearly disappearing in the normal stillness of the town, which suddenly is turned upside down.”*

‘Tinsel In The River’ follows Benjamin’s recent album ‘To Carry A Whale’, which was released to acclaim earlier this year. It was the fourth album released by Leftwich and his first made entirely sober. It was dubbed a “collection of sombre ballads, imbued with a fresh and genuine perspective on life” by Clash Magazine in their review.

Benjamin Francis Leftwich was the first artist signed to Dirty Hit Records, whereupon he released his acclaimed debut album ‘Last Smoke Before the Snowstorm’ in 2011. The album hit the top 40 in the UK and included the hit single ‘[Shine](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pE2YKq_093U)’ which was remixed by tropical house king Kygo and named by Spotify their “most addictive song of 2014”; the song that was repeat-played most often that year.

He followed his debut album with 2016’s ‘After The Rain’, after a 5 year break, in part due to the death of his father. The record was met with critical acclaim, with The Guardian dubbing it *“fragile, precious, oddly comforting”* in their 4-star review of the album. He followed that with third album ‘Gratitude’ in 2019, which was deemed *“graceful and honest”* by DIY in their 4-star review.

Benjamin has also recently announced his 2022 tour, comprised of 26 dates across the UK and Ireland - tickets and details are available at [benjaminfrancisleftwich.com](http://benjaminfrancisleftwich.com).

Full tour schedule below -

**FEBRUARY**

01: Brighton, Komedia

02: London, Lafayette

04: Bodmin, St Petroc's Church

05: Lyme Regis, Marine Theatre

06: St Albans, The Horn

08: Birmingham, St Paul's Church

09: Newcastle, Wylam Brewery

10: Edinburgh, The Liquid Room

11: Aberdeen, The Lemon Tree

13: Dublin, Whelans

15: Bristol, St George's

16: Oxford, The Bullingdon

17: Cambridge, Junction 2

18: Colchester, Arts Centre

19: Ramsgate, Music Hall

21: Guildford, Boileroom

22: Nottingham, The Bodega

23: Manchester, Band On The Wall

24: Sheffield, The Foundry

25: York, The Citadel

26: Huddersfield, The Parish

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