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Peter Bruntnell announces career-spanning retrospective, re-records classic track with Rumer

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An oft overlooked gem of the UK Americana scene, **Peter Bruntnell** has announced the release of *Retrospective* - a collection of tracks spanning his twenty year career.

Released via **Blind Eye Records** on 7 May (USA) followed by a European release through **Loose Music** on 17 June, the seventeen track collection features cuts from all eight of Bruntnell's solo records, including career highlights 'Handful Of Stars' and 'Here Come The Swells'.

The concluding track is a re-recording of 'Played Out' which features guest vocals from English folk siren **Rumer**. The new interpretation of the song, originally released in 2004, breathes a new lease of life into the arrangement and indeed, instrumentation. The line "I always say you're better for things that you go through, still I got nothin' to show for you" delivered with such understated elegance, showcases just one of the many reasons why Bruntnell is still - after twenty years - one of Britain's finest songwriters.

Watch the performance video of 'Played Out' below, premiering exclusively on Best Fit. A few words from Bruntnell himself follow beneath the video.

Through working on the *Retrospective* it has given me a chance to reflect on all the great musicians and producers I have had the fortune to work and still work with over the last 20 years. I have made a lot of good friends along the way and welcome the opportunity to re-introduce my work including recent records such as *Black Mountain UFO* to a new and hopefully wider audience.

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