

Johannesburg

Featuring Elliott Randall From the debut album 'Michael Armstrong'

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<u>WAV download</u>: https://soundcloud.com/ldpromos/johannesburg-michael-armstrong/s-uVinU <u>Promo video</u>: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMxKe40zMYM

SoundCloud Album Listening Link:

https://soundcloud.com/michael-armstrong-60/sets/michael-armstrong-the-debut/s-O3lUX

The new single taken from Michael's eponymous debut album features the sublime guitar work of the legendary New Yorker **Elliott Randall**, most famous for his work with **Steely Dan** including the solo on the band's hit '**Reelin' In The Years**', which has been voted the greatest guitar solo of all time on several occasions.

"I had a feeling he had something special.....I was right"
- Elliott Randall (Guitarist – Steely Dan)

The song is a 'Dylanesque' tale inspired by Michael's friendship with Eastern European immigrants who made their way to his hometown of London. Touched by their stories of having to leave their wives and children for up to a year or more in search of work, Michael put himself in their shoes and penned this song. A twist in the last verse is something that really happened to one of his friends! Why Johannesburg? His own father went to work there for a short period when Michael was just a young boy, something that has had a lasting impact.

Michael's debut album has been causing quite a stir and has led to recent appearances on national TV, national and international radio and to sell out shows across the UK. Following on from hugely successful tours during 2015 supporting Leo Sayer, Vonda Shepard and The Hollies Peter Howarth, this release coincides with his 2016 UK Tour from January to May supporting iconic 80's band T'Pau – ironically the first band that Michael ever saw live! Now, as he plays alongside them it really is a story that has come full circle.

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