

# PADMA { IN DEFENCE OF THE WILD }

In August 2010 Padma follows his debut album *Here* (Just Music, 2008) with *In Defence of the Wild* (Backstage Vancouver, CA / Trilithon Records, UK). The album is available worldwide in CD and digital formats. The CD comes with a 16-page booklet where Padma discusses issues raised on the album.

Inspired by Thoreau's *Walden*, Padma spent the winter of 2008/09 living totally off grid, in a yurt in the mountains of Spain. He kept a blog while he was there, which attracted media attention and saw him interviewed on national radio shows in the UK (BBC Radio 2 and 3).

*In Defence of the Wild* is a collection of songs inspired by Padma's time in the yurt. If his first album drew comparisons with Nick Drake, the new one is lyrically closer to the mischievous political poetry of an early Bob Dylan. Sonically, *Defence* draws on a much wider field of influences than *Here*, while still playing to the natural strengths of his laid-back vocals and sensitive acoustic guitar work. Nick Drake is still present, but this time we can also hear the upbeat skank of Manu Chau and even occasional hints of Sonic Youth.

Padma pulls no punches in his comments on contemporary culture, though the intimacy and warmth that was characteristic of *Here* is still very much in evidence, this time focused on issues around Padma's love of the wild places of the world, and his pain at the thought of their destruction.

The first digital single of the album is the double A-side *This Land is Your Land* (a re-write of the Woody Guthrie classic) / *Consumers of the World, Unite!* It is released August 2010.

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## ABOUT PADMA

Padma was born in Sheffield, in the north of England. He likes to move around and currently lives between Vancouver Canada, the UK, and a yurt in the Spanish Pyrenees.

He has been a practising Buddhist for 15 years. In 2005, after surviving a near-fatal brain haemorrhage, he decided to leave the city in favour of a more natural environment. He built a yurt and headed for the mountains of Spain.

Currently living in a cohousing community in Vancouver, Padma's blog is regularly featured on The Independent (a national UK broadsheet)'s website.

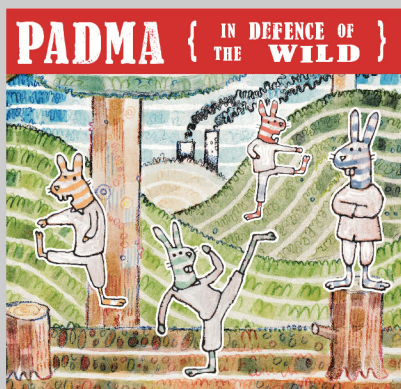
## SELECTED PRAISE FOR 'HERE'

"...the sweet, acoustic vignettes on *Here* have a refreshing intimacy that recalls early John Martyn or Nick Drake – 4/5" Sunday Express, UK

"A fabulous album and a true triumph." Glasswerk, UK

"Such oddities could be lifted from the pages of a Douglas Coupland novel, and they transfer well to music – particularly when it has such unforced delivery ... Emotional depth is here in abundance" Music OMH

"Padma unleashes a spiritual awakening on the commercial world ... A beautiful creation" Subba-Cultcha



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