KINGFISHR SHARE NEW RECORDING OF “THE BLADE” FEATURING MATT CORBY

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Kingfishr + Matt Corby

Irish trio Kingfishr have released a collaborative version of their powerful new single “The Blade” featuring the Australian singer-songwriter Matt Corby. Listen **HERE**.

This new version featuring Matt Corby was premiered live at the weekend, when the band were joined by Corby on stage as they performed a sold-out show in Brisbane. Watch Kingfishr perform “The Blade” live in Brisbane with Matt Corby **HERE.**

This release accompanies the announcement of their upcoming *KINGFISHR NORTH AMERICA 2026* tour. Artist pre-sale begins Tuesday, March 24 at 10 AM local time, promoter and local pre-sale follows Thursday, March 26 at 10 AM local time, and the general on-sale launches Friday, March 27 at 10 AM local time. Fans can purchase tickets on their website **HERE**.

The run adds to an already major year for the artist, who is also set to appear at top-tier festivals including Lollapalooza and Outside Lands.

“The Blade” was released last month, the band’s first new music of the year, accumulating over 1 million streams within a few days, the quickest they’ve hit that milestone. Watch the video for the original version of “The Blade” **HERE**.

Kingfishr: *"'The Blade' is probably as heavy a tune as we're ever likely to release. It's not something we ever expected to be writing about given the seriousness of it all.*

"The song just kind of happened and we feel it deserves to see the light of day."

Lyrically, it leaves little to the imagination nor wrapped within metaphor. This is a song about the turmoil of struggling when you can't pinpoint what you're struggling with. It's about loneliness when you're not alone, the sadness when you're otherwise happy with your lot, and rather than tackling those feelings head on, you lock them in a box and hide it from view. Just another problem for another time.

Kingfishr worked on the video with fellow Irishman and collective band favourite , the award-winning actor Anthony Boyle (House of Guinness, Say Nothing, Tolkien,) who, subtly but beautifully, brought those lyrical reflections to life in his performance,

Kingfishr released their debut album, *Halcyon*, back in August 2025 debuting at number 1 in their native Ireland (and returning there for Christmas). The album's instant impact was spurred largely from word-of-mouth and their repeat touring, moving quickly onto bigger stages in bigger venues. But it was also due to the impact of their track, *Killeagh,* a song that's certified four times platinum in Ireland, and has arguably become the country's modern-day national anthem (*"a modern addition to the Irish folk canon. 100%"* - The Guardian). When the band performed onstage in Dublin just before Christmas, vocalist Eddie Keogh's vocal was all but drowned out by the capacity crowd at the 3Arena, and with barely a dry eye amongst them.

But it's not just Ireland that have taken Kingfishr straight to their hearts, the band have received a similar level of adoration in the UK too. *Halcyon* debuted in the top 10 upon release, but it's their touring that delivers serious numbers. From Glasgow to London and plenty in between. On their last UK run, the band commandeered two sold out nights at London's O2 Forum Kentish Town, and will return in May for two more sold out shows at O2 Academy Brixton. Their journey from the 200 capacity Camden Assembly to 10,000 fans in Brixton has been impressively swift.

The band concluded fully sold-out tour of Australia earlier this week, ahead of their big UK run in May, a return to the US in late July/early March, alongside a hectic Summer festival and outdoor headline schedule.

<u>Kingfishr Live Dates:</u>

21st March – P7 Arena, Dubai – SOLD OUT
14th May – The Dome, Brighton (The Great Escape Spotlight)
16th May – O2 Academy, Birmingham – SOLD OUT
17th May – Olympia, Liverpool – SOLD OUT
19th May – Depot, Cardiff – SOLD OUT
20th May – O2 Academy Brixton, London – SOLD OUT
21st May - O2 Academy Brixton, London – SOLD OUT
23rd May – O2 Victoria Warehouse, Manchester – SOLD OUT
24th May – O2 Academy, Glasgow – SOLD OUT
25th May – O2 Academy, Glasgow – SOLD OUT
29th May – Dauwpop Festival, Hellendoorn, Netherlands
5th June – St Annes Park, Dublin – SOLD OUT
8th June- SSE Arena, Belfast – SOLD OUT
9th June- SSE Arena, Belfast – SOLD OUT

11th June – Virgin Media Park, Cork – SOLD OUT
12th June – Virgin Media Park, Cork – SOLD OUT
13th June – Malahide Castle, Co. Dublin - SOLD OUT
19th June – PinkPop, Landgraaf, Netherlands
20th June – Hurricane Festival, Scheesel, Germany
21st June – Southside Festival, Neuhausen Ob Eck, Germany
26th June – State Fayre, Chelmsford
3rd July – Rock Werchter, Belgium
19th July – Splendour Festival, Nottingham
29th July – The Shelter, Detroit, MI
30th July – Lollapalooza, Chicago, IL
1st August – Osheaga, Montreal, QC
4th August – Gothic Theatre, Denver, CO
5th August – The Complex, Salt Lake City, UT
7th August – Crescent Ballroom, Phoenix, AZ
8th August – The Fonda Theatre, Los Angeles, CA
9th August – Outside Lands, San Francisco, CA
11th August – Wonder Ballroom, Portland, OR
12th August – Neptune Theatre, Seattle, WA
14th August – Commodore Ballroom, Vancouver, BC
4th September – Moseley Folk & Arts Festival, Birmingham

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