

Idlewild, Engine Rooms, Southampton

# Go wild for '90s rockers

HAVING taken a break in 2010 (the previous 15 years seeing them turn from raucous cult curiosity to chart-bothering national treasures), friendship and the bind of their creativity brought Idlewild back together for 2015's *Everything Ever Written*.

With it, came critical praise, an album in the top 20, and the band selling out venues as large as they ever had.

With new members Luciano Rossi and Andrew Mitchell on board, Roddy Woomble, guitarist Rod Jones and drummer Colin Newton felt a renewed sense of purpose. So much so that the week that *Everything Ever Written* was released, they were already back at the drawing board to start work on what would become the bold step sideways, forthcoming album *Interview Music*.

Inspired, they later decamped at the end of a US tour in 2016 to Los Angeles to flesh out their ideas, but it would be some years before they set themselves up at Jones' own Edinburgh studio to finish the record. "A lot of the songs are about dreams and dreaming and the thoughts and ideas that come from this state," says Woomble. I live in the Scottish Highlands, and between there and



California you've got two locations that can put you in a dream like state – driving down Sunset Boulevard as the sun sets or driving over the

remote Ardnamurchan peninsula as the sun rises. The world seems unreal, magical. You're dreaming through a landscape."

Hear tracks from the newly released record when Idlewild play Engine Rooms Southampton on Tuesday. Tickets are on sale now.



## Chamber music to celebrate

CELEBRATING their 70th anniversary in 2019, the London Mozart Players perform a chamber programme built around the piano quintets by Mozart and Beethoven.

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