

Artist: CORY McABEE

Album/Tour Title: SMALL STAR SEMINAR

ARTIST BIO:

Cory McAbee is best known as writer, director, songwriter and composer for the award-winning feature films, *The American Astronaut* (2001), *Stingray Sam* (2009), *Crazy and Thief* (2012) and as singer/songwriter for the internationally acclaimed musical group *The Billy Nayer Show* (1989–2011). In 2012 McAbee founded the international arts collaborative, *Captain Ahab's Motorcycle Club* with the goal of creating a globally generated feature film. From 2012 through 2014 McAbee performed concerts in support of this project throughout the US, Europe and Australia. In January of 2015 McAbee recorded and produced his first solo album entitled, *Small Star Seminar*, which premiered in Wroclaw, Poland in March, 2015. The album was appropriated by the collaborative and has become a catalyst for the film's narrative.

SMALL STAR SEMINAR:

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Small Star Seminar is the first solo music project created by Cory McAbee. The performance features a singing motivational speaker who urges people to give up their goals, stop reaching for the stars and to start looking for the stars within their own minds. The set features optimistic songs about quitting, accepting one's own limitations, and the power of sitting quietly. As an encore McAbee will address the theory of "Deep Astronomy" and answer questions from the audience. This tour is being documented for use in an upcoming feature film, written and directed by Cory McAbee. Audience participation is welcome. For details visit <http://corymcabee.net>.

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PRESS QUOTES:

"Indebted equally to Scott Walker's bile-drenched crooning, Frank Zappa's twisted surrealism, and Harry Nilsson's deceptively sing-song melodicism"
- New York Magazine

"Like co-productions of Kurt Weill and Neil Young" - The Village Voice

"Experience the marvelous oddity of Cory McAbee's *Small Star Seminar*"
- TWITCH FILM

"a contrary manifesto on conformism."

- WROCLAW.PL (Poland)

“Cory McAbee, the ingenious, idiosyncratic talent”

- Fimmaker Magazine (USA)

“Cory McAbee is something of a renaissance man. ... the concept album Small Star Seminar explores self-help culture and the American psyche.”

- Hymn (Sweden)

Cory McAbee “is on fire. A very polite fire, but a fire nonetheless.”

- OZY Media (USA)

“Cory McAbee lives his life as a real work of fiction.”

- Brasileiros (Brazil)

Small Star Seminar by Cory McAbee can be heard at <http://corymcabee.net>. Visit the site for more info. Small Star Seminar is also available on iTunes, Spotify and Amazon.



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