



BIO – Jamie Catto

Jamie Catto (born 14 August 1968 in London, England) is a former and founding member of Faithless. He was the ballad singer/songwriter, and became Art Director and Video Director of the band before leaving in 1999 to form the double-Grammy nominated, global music and film project 1 Giant Leap. His last album with Faithless was Sunday 8PM. He is also known as a photographer, script editor and creative catalyst.

When Jamie Catto and Duncan Bridgeman joined forces to create the project 1 Giant Leap, they embarked upon a global journey that included Senegal, Ghana, South Africa, Uganda, India, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, America and Europe, equipped solely with a digital video camera, a laptop and a vision - to capture and weave together a unique fusion of sound, image and spoken word from some of the world's most happening musicians, authors, scientists and thinkers and to explore 'The Unity in the Diversity'.

Their treasure hunt brought many unexpected collaborations with such inspirations as Dennis Hopper, Kurt Vonnegut, Michael Stipe, Bono, Susan Sarandon, k.d. Lang, Tom Robbins, Dido, Brian Eno, Tim Robbins, Daniel Lanois, Yoko Ono, J. P. Donleavy, Naomi Klein, Oumou Sangare, Billy Connolly, Baaba Maal, Rokia Traore, DBC Pierre, Neneh Cherry, Robbie Williams, Lila Downs, Bob Geldof, Neale Donald Walsch, Stephen Fry, Gita Mehta, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Hariprasad Chaurasia, Speech, Mahotella Queens, Michael Franti etc.

1 Giant Leap are now working on their second film / album 'What About Me'. Catto also runs their on-line record label website at - 'Spacious Music' (www.spaciousmusic.com).

1 Giant Leap – Jamie Catto and Duncan Bridgeman

Based in the UK, the two musicians set out to create a multimedia project that would encompass a CD, DVD and cinematic presentation that would offer a complete artistic statement. The project offers music, digital video footage shot over the course of six months by Catto and Bridgeman, images, rhythms and spoken word content.

A Making Of was also shown on the Discovery channel, which featured some of the effort involved in finding and working with the musicians and other people involved in the project. As far as is known this is not available for purchase.

The first double-Grammy nominated project features contributions from Dennis Hopper, Kurt Vonnegut, Michael Stipe, Robbie Williams, Eddi Reader, Tom Robbins, Brian Eno, Baaba Maal, Speech, Asha Bhosle, Neneh Cherry, Anita Roddick, Michael Franti and other artists and authors.

The band's theme for the project is "Unity Through Diversity".

1 Giant Leap's "My Culture" video for their first top ten single, featuring Robbie Williams and Maxi Jazz from Faithless received extensive airplay.

The band was signed to the Palm record label and its eponymous CD was released on April 9, 2002. Since then, in 2004 they moved onto to a deal with Simon Fuller and 19 Productions to make a second film and album. This time instead of focusing on Unity and Inspiration, Jamie and Duncan decided to find the same uplifting message through the darker doorways of Shadow, Shame, Pain, Anger, Us & Them, Conflict, as well as more general themes such as Freedom, Sex and Love. They traveled further than before, this time including China, Japan, Brasil, Mexico, and the Middle East as well as their usual haunts in nine African nations and all over India and Europe.

Artists on the new project (working title: 2sides2everything) include the above mentioned with Tim Robbins, Daniel Lanois, kd lang, Susan Sarandon, John Cusack, Zap Mama, Bob Geldof, Noam Chomsky, Billy Connolly, Marianne Williamson, Deepak Chopra, Neale Donald Walsh, Courtney Love, Carrie Fisher, Bhagavan Das, Ram Dass, Oumou Sangare, Rokia Traore, Ramata Diakite, and others.