**Phillip Bracken**

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***‘Anyone who has had the opportunity to listen to Bracken knows how special this artist is. He freely combines folk, blues and soul, with the best traditions of songwriting. Live his music sounds exquisite and accompanied by guest musicians both the energetic and melancholic songs of Phillip are even more colourful.’ -Wojciech Zurek,*** [***www.e-splot.pl***](http://www.e-splot.pl)

*…..It’s May, 2012. Spring in the small Polish city of Opole. Australian songwriter Phillip Bracken is seated opposite his future father in law in the elder man’s living room. Cables run from the Australian’s guitar and microphone into a small console where Władek, a retired sound engineer, monitors the sound levels. They are recording, between sips of homemade liqueur for “talent”, a demo that will introduce Bracken to some remarkable local musicians…..*

Known for his evocative voice, hypnotic guitar styling’s, and warm stage presence Bracken and his family relocated to Poland in 2013. It was the combination of these qualities and his spin on indie folk and ambient world music that brought about his introduction to Polish ethno jazz icon Jacek Mielcarek and led to two live recordings, *The Opole Session,* and *Live at Radio Opole*, as well as subsequent touring.

As well as access to a wider audience in Europe his new home has brought about some interesting opportunities. 2019 saw his single New Black picked up by Polish label KAYAX as part of their project My Name Is New as well as a guest appearance on the award winning album Smack by Polish guitarist/producer Robert Cichy.

The latest offering from the Australian is a song called **The Prophet,** the fourth single from Bracken’s forthcoming debut album **Wolf Ahead Tiger Behind**. With hints of Townes Van Zandt, Fleet Foxes, and Eddie Vedder it was recorded in Warsaw, Poland with his current band consisting of Mateusz Szemraj (Lion Shepherd, MOSAIC), Denis Dubiella (Hanimal), Wojciech Lubertowicz (Adam Strug, Masala Soundsystem).

*Wolf Ahead Tiger Behind* is due out September 25th 2020 and will be available for pre-order via [www.phillipbrackenmusic.com](http://www.phillipbrackenmusic.com)

***“If you need comparisons, the likes of Ben Harper, Nick Drake, Doug Burr or Josh Garrels (for both evocative guitars and warm voice) could be cited. But be sure, you will find none of those afore mentioned listening to Phillip Bracken ; none of those, but a high dose of unique emotions.”*** [*www.youcrazydreamers.com*](http://www.youcrazydreamers.com)

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