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**PYE RECORDS IS BACK!**

After a 44 year gap, PYE Records is once again set to become a familiar label in vinyl record shops around the UK. Established in 1955 it was the label that released everyone from Lonnie Donegan, Petula Clark, The Kinks, The Searchers, Jackie Trent, to Sounds Orchestral, The Tony Hatch Sound, and The John Shroeder Orchestra.

Pye Records, owned at the time by ATV Music, dropped the name because of trademark renewal issues in 1980 and became PRT Records. After that, it had little success with new material, relying heavily on back catalogue. Its repertoire was sold to Sanctuary and thence BMG Rights Management and the name became history.

Now, broadcaster and record producer **Tony Currie** has acquired the company name, its trademark and is set to relaunch with the first releases of brand new material on September 6th from the label’s new base on the Isle of Lismore in Scotland’s Inner Hebrides.

London based singer-songwriter **Andrea Black** has been on the scene for a long time, but her quirky and engaging style and emotive lyrics make her songs difficult to categorise, Her best album to date is **Harvest Gold (NSPL 18627)** and is bound to win her new fans.

In the grand tradition of Pye Records’ many pop orchestras comes **The Tony Currie Orchestra** with its debut album **Race The Sun (NSPL 1826)** a big sound of strings and brass with an eclectic repertoire from composers that include Tony Hatch, Brian Fahey, Johnny Scott, Johnny Harris and Sidney Bechet; all given the TC sound by arrangers Callum Au, Gavin Sutherland, Richard Niles (who also contributes a guitar solo) and the late Johnny Harris. Since 1980, few labels anywhere have invested in this very expensive genre, preferring to reissue material from the 70s. But now the big pop orchestra is back and fit for the 21st Century.

One Nation Vinyl Distribution are handling physical product, pressing is from the wind-powered plant in Tranent, Scotland, operated by Sea Bass Vinyl. Retail price of the first two releases is £14,38 inc. VAT. Scottish digital distributors Threads of Sound will be distributing.

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