



# NIKKI SUDDEN & THE LAST BANDITS

## TREASURE ISLAND

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1. Looking For A Friend 2. Break Up 3. Stay Bruised 4. Kitchen Blues 5. Wooden Floor 6. Russian River  
7. House Of Cards 8. High And Lonesome 9. Fall Any Further 10. Sanctified 11. When The Lord  
12. Never Let Me Go 13. Treasure Island 14. Highway Girl

Nikki Sudden has been working on the songs found on *Treasure Island* since finishing his last proper album 1998's *Red Brocade*. With a short list of around 40 numbers to choose from (many of which had been demoed in Bavaria and Berlin), Sudden and his band The Last Bandits (**John Clifford Barry** on bass and **Stephane Doucerain** on drums) assembled themselves for initial sessions in mid-2002. This motley group of expatriates who'd exiled themselves to Germany set up shop at **John Rivers'WSRS** studio in Leamington Spa, England, a home away from home where Sudden has recorded a vast majority of his work during his extensive 30-year career — which spans his pioneering early work as a founder of the **Swell Maps** (who released two critically acclaimed & highly influential full-lengths and a slew of singles), his albums with the revered **Jacobites**, over a dozen solo albums and the dark masterpiece *Kiss You Kidnapped Charabanc*, his 1987 collaboration with **Rowland S. Howard**. *Treasure Island* is a stunning achievement, boasting Sudden's best songwriting in twenty years.

"In true pirate tradition [*Treasure Island*] nails its colours firmly to the mast. Sure, there's a powerful **Stones** influence on "House of Cards", but it's **Mick Taylor** himself guesting on guitar; and if elsewhere there's an enthusiastic nod in the direction of **The Faces**, well, yep, that's **Ian McLagan** on keyboards. **BJ Cole** and ex-**Waterboy Anthony Thistlewaite** show up on pedal steel and sax, and there's even a female choir. Despite the star guests, it's always Nikki's album — one part **Bolan** swagger to two parts **Keith Richards** riffs — and it's one of his best." — *Mojo*

The album boasts incredible guest performances from rock & roll hall of famers Ian McLagan (the Small Faces, the Faces, **Billy Bragg**) and Mick Taylor (the Rolling Stones, **John Mayall's Bluesbreakers**), as well as **Terry Miles (Bernard Butler)**, **Dave Kusworth (Jacobites)**, and Anthony Thistlethwaite (the Waterboys).

### ALSO AVAILABLE

NIKKI SUDDEN - *Waiting On Egypt / The Bible Belt* 2xcd (SC51)

NIKKI SUDDEN - *Texas / Dead Men Tell No Tales* 2xcd (SC52)

NIKKI SUDDEN - *Groove / Crown of Thorns* 2xcd (SC53)

NIKKISUDDEN & DAVEKUSWORTH's JACOBITES - *s/t cd* (SC54)

NIKKISUDDEN & DAVEKUSWORTH's JACOBITES - *Robespierre's Velvet Basement* 2xcd (SC55)

NIKKI SUDDEN & DAVEKUSWORTH's JACOBITES - *The Ragged School* 2xcd (SC56)

NIKKISUDDEN & ROWLANDS.HOWARD - *Kiss You Kidnapped Charabanc / Live In Augsburg* 2xcd (SC57)

### Selling Points

1. Not exportable to Europe.
2. First new album since 1998's *Red Brocade*, *Treasure Island* follows Secretly Canadian's reissue campaign of all Sudden's work from the 1980's, which sold a combined 20,000 copies.
3. Features on the Sudden reissues ran in Entertainment Weekly, *Tow Pulse*, *Pop Culture Press*, *Resonance*, *Scram*.
4. Featuring members of the Rolling Stones, the Faces and the Waterboys!

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