



Naming your musical project 'The Bucketseats' may make the project sound like an entire band, but in reality, The Bucketseats is wholly and solely written, and performed live by Brisbane, Queensland based multi-instrumentalist, Matthew Barker.

The Bucketseats EP *The Direction of this Path*, was released in June 2012, and was the first cache of original music recorded by the almost-one-man-band.

A 6 track EP which surprised the listeners song by song. Following up was the single *Beautiful* which was released only as a single with all profits for the first 4 months going to the Umoja Orphanage in Kenya.

From his first release he has toured with friend and fellow singer/songwriter Jackson Dunn, performed at a number of festivals including opening for the Bundaberg BeerABull Festival in Bundaberg QLD. He has also supported some amazing Australian artists including South Australia's The Timbers and the one and only Ash Grunwald.

For his follow up EP, Matthew wanted to do something a little different. The Bucketseats project was originally designed as a learning tool for writing, arranging, recording, producing and promoting, so when the chance to do something new and exciting appeared, it was an opportunity not to be missed.

Matthew met up with Joe Panetta at Wavelength Studios Brisbane for a one day session, songs to be recorded live, raw and with no overdubbing. A chance to strip down some new songs to just the frame work, that being Vocals, Guitar and Harmonica.

The result is "Forever Lost At Sea - Acoustic Session" . A 5 track EP with a laid back, acoustic folk vibe. Songs that talk of heartbreak, loss and depression, as well as hope, family and survival. An intimate, emotional and sometimes troubling journey into the story telling mind of Matthew Barker.

**Artist - The Bucketseats**

**EP - Forever Lost At Sea - Acoustic Session**

**Single - Grandfather (Track 1)**

**EP Release Date - 22nd December 2012**

**Music Video Release Date - T.B.A**

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