

**Music Promotion Media Presents:**

**Escapist / Markku Lorentz**

**(Male Singer / Songwriter)**



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## **Artist Overview**

Artist Name: **Escapist (Markku Lorentz)**

Genre: Pop / Rock / Power pop

Capacity: Male Singer / Songwriter

Age: 28

Tracks on Demo: 1) Out of Fashion  
2) St. Andrew Street  
3) Naked

Artist Website: <http://www.myspace.com/escapistuk>  
<http://www.bouncingheads.co.uk>  
<http://www.musicpromotionmedia.co.uk/featuredartist.htm>

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Biography: See following page.

## Biography

Markku Lorentz formed the pop/rock band Escapist during his second year in LIPA (Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts). By 2004 Escapist was gigging extensively, while fine-tuning Markku's catchy sing along tunes with live audiences in Liverpool and Wirral areas. Finally in 2006, after graduating from LIPA with a first class BA Hons Music Degree, Markku took Escapist to the studio to record the band's first full Album titled "Green". Escapist - Green was released online (iTunes, Napster etc.) in February 2007.

Songs on Escapist's album "Green" have already received wide recognition. Track "Out of Fashion" has appeared on the Film soundtrack of Storbis VI (<http://www.storbis.com/>) a snowboarding film and track "St Andrew Street" was awarded in UniSong international song contest.

Markku has an extensive portfolio as a songwriter/composer. In addition to writing for Escapist, Markku has composed two stage musicals (Yggdrasil and The Switch), where two further tracks (from the album "Green"), "Psycho" and "Annoying" were used in the original musical theatre production (Yggdrasil). Here, Markku was approached by scriptwriters of musicals to compose songs and incidental music for the shows. These include **Yggdrasil**, where the writer / director had previously heard Markku's music and wanted to include it in the show (with Norwegian lyrics), as well as requesting him to composing the incidental instrumental music. Yggdrasil combined old Norse mythology (Yggdrasil means tree of life) with the modern times. Yggdrasil premiered in Sorum (close to Oslo), Norway, in January 2005. It ran for three consecutive nights to sell out audiences.

Another musical, titled "**The Switch**" is a musical set in a mental asylum. Here, Markku worked as the Musical Director and wrote a substantial amount of songs for the show, as well as writing music to accompany existing lyrics. He also took on a principal role (Agent 27) within the show. The Switch toured the North West, UK (Romiley, Blackburn, Liverpool) in spring 2005.

Finnish born Markku is a very experienced and versatile performer. He is well known for strong quirky characters from various full-scale musical theatre productions. A BBC reviewer recently wrote regarding his role as Alexander Molokov in Chess (November 2006):

*"..... (Markku Lorentz) brought a lot of personality to the musical. I thought at times that he was playing it like "The Rocky Horror Show" and indeed, if I were mounting a production of "Rocky Horror", I would sign him immediately."*

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/liverpool/content/articles/2006/11/08/chess\\_review\\_feature.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/liverpool/content/articles/2006/11/08/chess_review_feature.shtml)

Markku also has an impressive set of acting credits to his name, that include lead and central roles in all of the following performances.

<u>Production</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Director</u>
<b>CHARLIE ON THE BEACH</b>	Charlie Chaplin	Even Lynne
<b>NEW YORK AVANT GARDE PUNK</b>	Lou Gash	Kathy Sandys
<b>CHESS</b>	Alexander Molokov	Gillian Lemon
<b>MY SERVANT JOSEPH</b>	Joseph	Lewis Quinn
<b>CHILDREN OF EDEN</b>	God	Dane Chalfin
<b>THE SWITCH</b>	Agent 27	Matt Baker
<b>AND THE WORLD GOES 'ROUND</b>	Man 3	Eleanor Rose Hodgson
<b>THE GARDEN</b>	Jesus	Jenny Harbon
<b>NINE</b>	Guido Contini	Ruth Alexander

Markku is a talented individual, being self-taught on many instruments including Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drums, Mandolin and Tin Whistle and has a good vocal range. Additionally, his language skills give further benefits to his scope, having composed songs in English, Finnish and Greek. He has also performed in English, Finnish, Greek and Swedish helping him reach an even greater fan base.

## Lyrics

### Out Of Fashion

Mary Hathaway used to be my neighbour  
A tree house in our garden  
Was our secret hideaway  
She looks so nice  
I go and say hi  
She spent the whole year in Norway  
In a drama school

Who are you?  
You're out of fashion, you see  
You're out of fashion, baby  
Slowly walk away from me

Mary leans a lot closer than necessary  
Her hands are on my shoulder  
And she whispers: "What's the time?"  
She feels so nice  
But she'll be surprised  
She left her boyfriend in Norway  
But I hate her shoes

Who are you?  
You're out of fashion, you see  
You're out of fashion, baby  
Slowly walk away

'Cause I'm shopping in H&M now  
H&M now  
Fashion, fashion, baby  
I'm shopping in H&M now  
H&M now  
Fashion, fashion, save me

I'm shopping in H&M now  
H&M now  
Fashion, fashion, baby  
I'm shopping in H&M now  
H&M

Who are you?...

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### St Andrew Street

I sing Happy Birthday  
Riding all the way down St. Andrew Street  
Pedalling up Grand Scarborough Hill  
I want to be caught in the sunshine  
Feel the scent of the morning in my mouth  
Laughing so hard I cannot see  
In front of me

Wham, Bam, Boom, Bang  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause it's a beautiful day

Reaching the top I stop  
And breathe in the scenery of the day  
Bells of St. Andrew in my ears  
I'm standing on top of the world. I own it  
Spreading my arms against the breeze  
A tap on my shoulder  
What the...?!?

Wham, Bam, Boom, Bang  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause you're so beautiful  
Wham, Bam, Boom, Bang  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause it's a beautiful day

Wham, Bam, Boom, Bang  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause you're so beautiful  
Wham, Bam, Boom, Bang  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause it's a beautiful day

We tumble down the hillside  
Laughing she lands on top of me  
And for a while I cannot breathe  
Recovering I look around  
The ground is covered with red and yellow leaves  
Nowhere on earth I'd rather be  
Inside of me

YEAH!  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause It's a BEAUTIFUL DAY!  
My heart goes crazy  
'Cause it's a beautiful day

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## **Naked**

The queen of hearts gives me a smile  
Too afraid to take a breath  
She's leaning on the ace of spades  
My hands are soaking wet  
Hearts and diamonds, clubs and spades  
In line above her head  
Add one more and she might fall  
Too afraid to take a breath  
And then the worlds collide

Now that I'm naked  
What will you do?

A pin, a sword, a burning torch  
Too afraid to take a breath  
My neck is sore, can't take no more  
My hands are soaking wet  
Up and down and round and round  
Like a blur above my head  
Add one more and they might fall  
Too afraid to take a breath  
And then the worlds collide

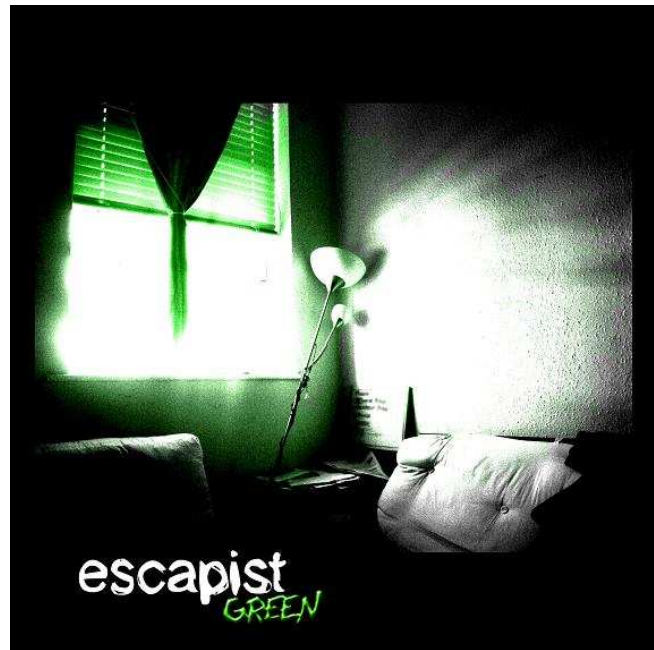
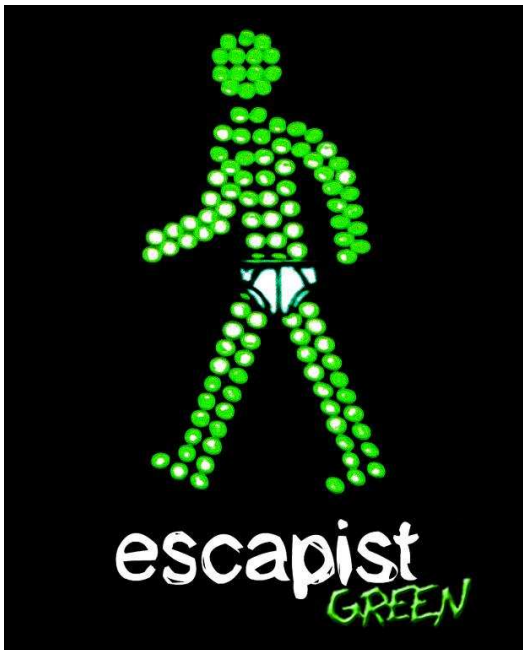
My shirt is too tight so I tear it off  
Trousers too wide so I let them fall  
Turn on the spotlight I show it all  
Now you know

Now that I'm naked  
What will you do?  
Under your spotlight  
What will you do?

What will you do?

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## Photo Shots



## **Planned Gigs**

Performance dates will be announced later.

## **Gig History**

8th of February 2005, Hannah's Bar, Liverpool  
9th of March 2005, Magnet, Liverpool  
14th of March 2005, Hannah's Bar, Liverpool  
19th of April 2005, Cooler, Liverpool  
20th of April 2005, Red Lion, Wirral  
22nd of April 2005, Hotel California, Birkenhead  
6th of May 2005, Hotel California, Birkenhead  
13th of May 2005, Barfly, Liverpool  
18th of May 2005, Red Lion, Wirral  
19th of May 2005, Cavern, Liverpool  
20th of May 2005, Static Gallery, Liverpool  
21st of May 2005, Static Gallery, Liverpool  
22nd of May 2005, Static Gallery, Liverpool  
14th of June 2005, Paul McCartney Auditorium, LIPA, Liverpool  
13th of July 2005, Red Lion, Wirral  
16th of September 2005- Las Vegas, Liverpool (next to Lime Street station)  
6th of October 2005- Zanzibar, Seel Street, Liverpool  
Next Big Thing (Juice FM), The Office, Liverpool, 18.04.2007  
Next Big Thing (Juice FM), The Office, Liverpool, 25.04.2007  
Festinord, Porsgrun, Norway, 26.07.2007  
YSA Convention, Fallowfield Campus, Manchester, 25.08.2007