

# THE WEDDING PRESENT

## *El Rey*

*El Rey* - the first new album in over three years from **The Wedding Present** - was recorded in early 2008 in Chicago by Steve Albini.

The band returned from an eight-year hiatus in early 2005 with the release of *Take Fountain*. This long-awaited album brought them back into the spotlight with all the style and sophistication associated with a legendary group, but fans were also pleased to see the band had lost none of the growling angst with which they had burst onto the scene with their 1985 debut, *George Best*.

That intensity has been turned up even further for the new album, *El Rey*, The Wedding Present's first collaboration with the legendary Albini since the renowned *Seamonsters* in 1991.

Written while David Gedge was living in Los Angeles, *El Rey* burns with West Coast sunlight; Hollywood seen through the eyes of a gritty Northerner.

Speaking about *El Rey* in Mojo magazine recently, Gedge said: "I've been living in West Hollywood for the last year or so, and while I'm not going to claim that this is my 'L.A.' album, there are some references. I suppose the themes are lust, jealousy, betrayal, regret, obsession, super-heros... the usual. We chose to record with Steve this time because the new songs were sounding very guitarry and quite dark. It's been good. As you'd imagine, really; Albini knows his stuff."

The Wedding Present will be touring North America in Fall 2008 with the line-up of: David Gedge (guitar & vocals), Terry de Castro (bass), Graeme Ramsay (drums), and Chris McConville (guitar).

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## WEDDING PRESENT DISCOGRAPHY

### Singles/EPs

**Go Out And Get 'Em Boy!** (Reception 1985)  
**Once More** (Reception 1986)  
**You Should Always Keep In Touch With Your Friends** (Reception 1986)  
**My Favourite Dress** (Reception 1987)  
**Anyone Can Make A Mistake** (Reception 1987)  
**Nobody's Twisting Your Arm** (Reception 1988)  
**Why Are You Being So Reasonable Now?** (Reception 1988)  
**Kennedy** (RCA 1989)  
**Brassneck** (RCA 1990)  
**3 Songs EP** (RCA 1990)  
**Dalliance** (RCA 1990)  
**Lovenest** (RCA 1991)  
**Blue Eyes** (RCA 1992)  
**Go Go Dancer** (RCA 1992)  
**Three** (RCA 1992)  
**Silver Shorts** (RCA 1992)  
**Come Play With Me** (RCA 1992)  
**California** (RCA 1992)  
**Flying Saucer** (RCA 1992)  
**Boing!** (RCA 1992)  
**Loveslave** (RCA 1992)  
**Sticky** (RCA 1992)  
**The Queen Of Outer Space** (RCA 1992)  
**No Christmas** (RCA 1992)  
**Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah** (Island 1994)  
**It's A Gas** (Island 1994)  
**Mini EP** (Cooking Vinyl 1995)  
**2,3,Go** (Cooking Vinyl 1996)  
**Montreal** (Cooking Vinyl 1997)

### Studio Albums

**George Best** (Reception 1987) – re-released 1997 on Cooking Vinyl  
**Bizarro** (RCA 1989; Manifesto 1996)  
**Seamonsters** (RCA 1991; Manifesto 1994)  
**Hit Parade 1** (RCA 1992; Manifesto 1994)  
**Hit Parade 2** (RCA 1993; Manifesto 1996)  
**Watusi** (Island 1994)  
**Saturnalia** (Cooking Vinyl 1996)  
**Take Fountain** (Manifesto 2005)  
**El Rey** (Manifesto 2008)