

Sting plans 'strange' new album

London - British singer Sting is planning to release a new album in October, featuring 16th century music performed on the lute.

Sting says in his website that the album is 'a strange and delightful record and people will be intrigued by it'.

'The album is voice and lute, there are a few four part harmonies that I sing and it's all music from the sixteenth century,' he says.

The yet-to-be-named album will be released on the classical label Deutsche Grammophon.

Sting says he was gifted a lute by guitarist Dominic Miller two years ago and it reminded him of his long-time fascination with 16th century composer John Dowland, who wrote songs especially for the lute.

'John Dowland was really the first singer/songwriter that we know of and so a lot of us owe our living to this man. Then we met this guy Edin Karamazov who is a Bosnian lute player and we started discussing Dowland and the idea came up of recording some songs of his for an album,' says Sting.

Before embarking on his solo career, Sting, whose real name is Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner, was an important member of the band - The Police.

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