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**The Sore Feet Song** was featured as the theme tune to a major new **Japanese animated TV series** Mushishi, based on a hugely popular comic book. The track was released in Japan as a CD single and his fanbase in far-flung corners of the world is continually growing as a result of this exposure. New converts in the **USA, South America and Europe** have been eager to find out more. The series has been broadcast in several countries and was released on DVD in North America last year. Second album - **Off The Radar** - was licensed to Universal Records in the Philippines and Japan in late 2008.

The home team finally took notice and **Calling Out To You** received a full release on Neon Tetra Records. Although echoes of **Belle & Sebastian, Ben Kweller, Kings Of Convenience, Simon and Garfunkel** and many other artists resonate, Kerr's style is singularly distinctive. One of Scotland's broadsheet newspapers - Scotland on Sunday - recognised him as "one of the most interesting and creative musicians working in the country right now" in its rundown of the "**Hottest New Scottish Talent**". Melodious, heartfelt, beautiful, melancholic, and quirky are adjectives regularly used to describe his music. A self-made promo animation for the track **Amorino** was selected by the **Washington Post online** as their '**music video of the day**' and continues to charm. The release of the debut album followed the critical success of his limited edition debut EP, *Midst of the Storm*, which was released on 7-inch white vinyl by cult Spanish label **Elefant Records (Lambchop, Camera Obscura)** and garnered airplay around the world.

Ally released his second album **Off The Radar** to glowing reviews in Europe and Asia as well as keen bloggers across the internet. Continuing this success, Ally was invited to play shows in Europe and headline an Asian tour (Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Philippines) towards the end of 2009. Kerr was also selected to play at the North-East music festival Canada in 2010. There is more in store for the rest of 2010!

The lovely "**Amorino**" is set to be re-released, alongside a 'glitch pop' remix of the track from **Chris Coco**, in mid-October (tbc) '10. **Touring** will coincide and continue while putting the final touches to home demos that will eventually be realised in the studio. These songs will comprise the **third album**, which Kerr feels is his strongest and most ambitious work to date.

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*"One of Scotland's best-kept secrets..."* – **Daily Record**.

*"Beautifully melancholic"* – **Press Association**.

*"Gorgeous"* – **Alex Hampshire, XFM Radio**.

*"Wonderful Scottish power pop"* – **Gary Crowley, BBC Radio**.

*"A sparkling tunesmith"* – **Metro**.

*"An undiscovered gem"* – **Sunday Mail**.

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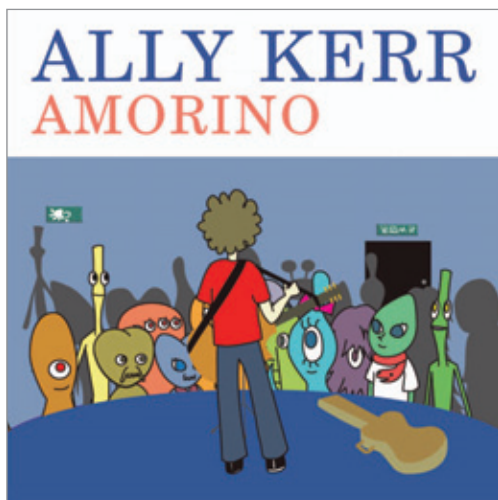
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## *Amorino*

Released on Much Obligated Records

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

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Listen: 1. Original 2. Chris Coco remix

<http://soundcloud.com/miller-music-management/sets/ally-kerr-amorino>

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