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## **VANDAVEER RELEASES *DIVIDE & CONQUER* ON AUGUST 25, 2009**

**Vandaveer** will release *Divide & Conquer* through **Supply and Demand Music** on **August 25, 2009**. A national tour is slated for August, September and November 2009, with additional European touring in October 2009. Vandaveer will play with Bowerbirds and Megafaun on July 6, 2009 at The Black Cat in Washington, DC.

Vandaveer is the alt-folk song singing/record making/globetrotting project penned and put forth by DC-by-way-of-Kentucky tunesmith **Mark Charles Heidinger**. The son of a preacher, whose father was a gambler, whose father was both judge and US Congressman, Heidinger one day found himself in possession of a golden pocket watch owned, wound, and regularly counseled by each in this paternal line. On the backside of the watch was a family name engraved, passed down for more than a century like the timepiece that followed. That name was *Vandaveer*.

Released in 2007, Vandaveer's debut album, *Grace & Speed*, was a stark, intimate, stripped down affair. The press responded heartily, with **The Washington Post** saying Vandaveer "revives the earnestness of the pre-psychedelic 60's," and **XM Cafe** describing him as "this generation's Nick Drake."

Touring continually and building fanbases on both sides of the Atlantic ever since, Vandaveer has played 250+ shows, sharing stages with a host of humbling artists including **Bon Iver, Vetiver, Alela Diane, Alejandro Escovedo, Vashti Bunyan, Bill Callahan, Fleet Foxes, Evan Dando, Scout Niblett**, and the like. Mark Charles Heidinger is also known to fraternize and conspire with other music-making hooligans, primarily as a bassist for fellow DCers **These United States**.

Vandaveer's sophomore effort, *Divide & Conquer*, touches upon similar themes found in *Grace & Speed*, winding timeworn themes of love & death, malice & goodwill, despair & perseverance into (mostly) four-minute vignettes. To see *D&C* through, Vandaveer enlisted the assistance of longtime collaborator and producer **Duane Lundy**, These United States bandmates **Robby Cosenza** and **Justin Craig**, and most notably, his fair sister **Rose Guerin**, supplying the loveliest harmonies this side of Eden. A decidedly more produced venture, *D&C* offers up a flourishing chamber folk companion to Vandaveer's bedroomly lo-fi folk/pop debut.

Released in France in April 2009 on **Alter-K Records/Discograph**, *Divide & Conquer* was hailed by the French **Rolling Stone** as "jarring new folk." **Rock and Folk Magazine** added, "It is impossible not to be touched by the beauty of these haunting pieces."

Please download the MP3 for "Turpentine" at [http://www.sad-music.net/vndvr/vandaveer\\_turpentine.mp3](http://www.sad-music.net/vndvr/vandaveer_turpentine.mp3)

The video for "Fistful of Swoon" can be viewed at: <http://www.vimeo.com/4237641>

For bio, high res photo, album artwork and to listen to the album online, please visit: <http://www.sad-music.net/vndvr/>

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