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Towie Barclay Castle, near Auchterless in Aberdeenshire seems an unlikely location for a recording studio. However, Marc Ellington, the former folk singer, has set up a modern sixteen track studio there, and in the autumn of last year Bat McGrath, the singer/ songwriter from Rochester, New York state, recorded his third solo album there.

The resulting album, entitled 'Whatever happened to jousting?', the first release on the new independent Manana Record label, features ten tracks, and is an interesting and worthwhile effort.

Mike Gibb who owns the Manana label, has started it as an off shoot to his magazine of the same name. Further releases are envisaged, including the Mac Gayden album originally released on EMI.

The Bat McGrath album is available from Mike at 'Ronderlin', Station Road, Newmachar, Aberdeen and costs £3.99 plus 50p postage.

With public support, this small independent label could produce some interesting releases in the years to come.

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