

Heliconia

Biography

Heliconia spent much of 2004 gigging frequently in London and Brighton and developing their sound. They started work on demos for their debut full-length CD in late summer and worked on other projects.

Heliconia have been mostly working as a three-piece in 2004 with vocalist/guitarist Mike has taken over most of the vocal duties he'd previously shared with vocalist/guitarist Heidi. New material, while retaining the guitar-driven sound, is more powerful and direct than previously.

Many of the gigs in 2004 were played with highly acclaimed German electronic artist Ulrich Schnauss who has been impressed by the band's debut EP *Girl I Need You*, and was keen to work with Heliconia.

Ulrich, whose work includes *Far Away Trains Passing By* and *A Strangely Isolated Place*, played DJ sets at a number of the gigs and brought a new audience in contact with the band. The band were rewarded with good reactions, including some sell-out performances.

Earlier material by Heliconia has been compared to early 1990s shoegazing bands.

