

## CATHRYN CRAIG & BRIAN WILLOUGHBY 2023

Cathryn Craig has sung with Chet Atkins, Shel Silverstein, The Righteous Brothers and Jorma Kaukonen.

Her great-grandfather Jacob Sowder was recorded by Cecil Sharp and featured in his book

English Folk Songs From The Southern Appalachians.

Brian Willoughby is best known for his virtuoso performances on electric and acoustic guitar, with progressive folk/rock band Strawbs and also with Mary Hopkin, Joe Brown, Roger Whittaker,

Bridget St.John, Jim Diamond and Monty Python.

Both Cathryn and Brian have accompanied and recorded with Nanci Griffith.

In 2019, Brian rejoined Strawbs for their 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary concerts in the USA

and Cathryn was invited to sing with the band.

The duo's Alice's Song was an Aled Jones Highlight of the Year on BBC Radio 2

and Strawbs' recording of the song, was used by The National Autistic Society,

as its theme tune for Autism Awareness.

Cathryn was Simon Mayo's star guest on BBC Radio 2Day, live from Nashville.

The Telegraph's Martin Chilton named the duo as his Folk Gig Pick of the year.

Folking.com nominated Cathryn and Brian in their "Best Duo" category.

*Long live traditional music, even when it's only just been written (The Living Tradition)*

*... sublime guitar work and one of the finest voices around (Folking.com)*

*"I love that duo ... what a perfect combination ... great songs, great singing and of course,*

*there's Brian's spellbinding guitar work .. just magic." Noel Casey (Dublin City FM)*

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