

Funny stories... serious songs... great singing... inventive guitar playing...

Who are they?

### **Cathryn Craig & Brian Willoughby!**

With a combined working history reading like a Who's Who of household names in music... Righteous Brothers, Mary Hopkin, Chet Atkins, Strawbs and many more, now it's their turn at the front of the stage, to sing and play their own well-crafted brand of acoustic guitar-based material.

Cathryn and Brian met in Michael Snow's recording studio in Nashville. Brian and he had written the song **Hard Luck Café**...Michael said he knew just the person to sing it!

When Brian came to record the first album of his own songs, **Black & White** (which includes **Hard Luck Café**), he invited Cathryn to sing. Together they wrote **The Fire, Alice's Song** and **Black & White**.

Apart from **Love Belongs Right Here**, a Mary Hopkin/Brian composition sung by Mary, Cathryn sang on the whole album and so the duo of Cathryn Craig & Brian Willoughby was born...

*"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)

Their "Alice's Song" was an Aled Jones "Highlight of the Year" on BBC Radio 2.  
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" in 2015.

Rather than trying to describe their music and the wonderful reception at shows, we felt it best to leave that to promoters /organisers themselves...

*A superb selection of material, together with many humorous stories of travels on the road of life. Not to be missed.*

#### **Dartford Folk Club**

*Welcome return of Cathryn and Brian to the Festival. If we hadn't managed to book them, I would have travelled to see them elsewhere.*

#### **Saltburn Festival**

*Staggeringly good...truly magical guitar work, vocals to lift your heart and soul, with utterly unforgettable songs.*

#### **Folk on the Moor**

*The pairing is perfect and about as good as it gets.*

#### **The Acoustic Tearoom**

*Song after song of outstanding quality.*

**Northern Sky Reviews**

*Combine a consummate singer and songwriter, with an outstandingly brilliant guitarist and you have pure magic. Their performances leave audiences spellbound.*

**Kirkham Folk Club**

*This couple are world class and how fortunate were we to have them.*

**Amberley Folk Club**

*Top twanging, heavenly hollerin' and with some fine yarns in between.*

**The Ram**

*Our audiences like to sing and join in with choruses, so there are many memorable moments with Cathryn & Brian.*

**Cramlington Folk Club**

*The only Musicians ever to receive a "Standing Ovation" from our Club audience – we plan to have this talented couple back for another concert.*

**Hinckley ACT**

*One of Nashville's finest voices and one of the world's greatest acoustic guitarists... stunning.*

**The Rock**

*When these two remarkable talented and charming artists concluded their two engrossing sets there was the loudest and longest applause there has ever been at the club.*

**The Acorn**

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