

ARTISTS

Latest news > Jackie Oates will launch a new solo album in September 2022; live dates available
> Angeline Morrison and Rowan Godel have joined our roster!

JACKIE OATES



English Folk Musician, Singer, Performer and Educator, Jackie is a central figure in the accomplished English traditional music scene. Regarded as one of the country's best loved folk performers, with seven solo albums to her name, Jackie collaborates with a diverse array of artists and commissions. Jackie continues to perform concerts and make the solo records that regularly rack up glowing broadsheet reviews, as well as finding new and surprising artistic corners to illuminate with her voice, research and musicianship. Jackie is currently working on a new solo album, to be released in September 2022 with a full band tour.

ANGELINE MORRISON



Vocalist, songwriter & multi-instrumentalist based in Cornwall, Angeline's homespun sonic aesthetic, deeply emotive writing and layered vocal harmonies are all stitched together to make tender stories in song. In a continuation of her considerable career making music in Soul, alt-folk, psych-folk and beat-folk-noir collaborations, Angeline is now working on an album of material that seeks to re-story blackness into the folk songs of the UK, 'The Sorrow Songs : Folk Songs of Black British Experience' involves researching the ordinary and extraordinary lives of the historic black population, and storying them into songs in the folk style, and is funded by Arts Council England, The English Folk Dance and Song Society, and FEAST Cornwall. Angeline will be launching her album in October 2022.

ROWAN GODEL



Singer and songwriter with a love of vocal harmony, Rowan has recorded and toured extensively with folk rock legends Levellers and Oysterband. 'Rowan is simply one of the best singers I have ever worked with.' (John Jones/Oysterband) and worked with many artists and genres whilst remaining connected to her folk roots. In 2015, she released her debut solo EP 'September Skies' and the following year won finalist and semi-finalist awards at the UK Songwriting Contest with songs from the EP. She released a long-awaited debut album in March 2020. 'Beautiful' (Mike Harding).

FAUSTUS



'So stunning live' says Tom Robinson (BBC Radio 6 Music), Faustus are known for captivating audiences with their sheer room-shaking power, vocal precision and instrumental mastery. Put simply, the band has complete command on stage and in the studio. Faustus take traditional English music, rip it up, put it together again and move it on. A vigorous rhythmic impetus and rock/prog rock influence propels the sound into the here and now and a range of instruments deployed in unconventional ways gives a unique texture, depth and variety to the band's sound. Setting the band apart are the distinctive individual voices of Kirkpatrick, Sartin and Rose. Their close harmonies are faultless and well-crafted and all three members trade lead vocals to great effect.

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST



The two 'lords of misrule' have been making music together for over 25 years. Celebrating or perhaps commiserating with a new album (Belshazzar's Hits) which will be released later this year. They're available for live dates in May and for limited dates in December before scaling back their touring together as the feastie boys of folk. Revered for their inventiveness and superlative ability, Paul and Paul are taking a long glance back over their career together, with an album that features both new music and fresh arrangements and recordings of their favourites.



BENJI KIRKPATRICK & THE EXCESS

Multi instrumental virtuoso (Tom Robinson, BBC Radio 6 Music), Benji brings his own writings vibrantly to life in this a classic power trio with Bellowhead band-mate, Pete Flood, on drums and Pete Thomas on bass. As a huge fan of the Jimi Hendrix Experience and The Police, Benji chose the format to provide the perfect instrumentation to realise his songs with the biggest imaginable impact, whilst being a containable line up. With Benji leading on acoustic & electric bouzoukis and guitar, the band stoke up rhythms, riffs and uproarious, soaring melodies; sometimes cacophonous, sometimes stark and raw, at times sensitive, always powerful. Their debut album title 'Gold Has Worn Away' refers to the fading promises of Western capitalist society. *'A dynamic & powerful roots rock album for our age'* (FATEA Records Magazine).



JON WILKS

Jon is a traditional folk singer and exquisite guitarist. His background as a journalist (a former editor of Time Out magazine etc) means that he has a great eye/ear for a story, and this shows in his live shows. He throws in weird and wonderful tidbits about the original singers and collectors that he has unearthed during his substantial writing and podcasting research on traditional folk music in the UK. *'Up the Cut' explores the fascinating history of Birmingham street balladry, a thriving 19th-century industry, through simple, deeply affecting voice-and-guitar settings. The Lover's Ghost and Stowaway are especially beautiful, delicate with love and loss.'* (Jude Rogers, The Guardian).



PAUL SARTIN

With an international career spanning 35 years, as a singer, oboist, violinist, composer and arranger, Paul performs and records extensively with Belshazzar's Feast, Faustus, Jon Boden & The Remnant Kings, and with (the late) multi-award-winning big band Bellowhead. A Choral Scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford, then subsequently a Lay Clerk at Christ Church Cathedral and preferred Bass Deputy in Winchester Cathedral Choir, Paul more recently gained an MMus with Distinction from the University of Newcastle for his work on the life & music of Edith Sartin, and continues to investigate the legacy of over 100 songs collected from female members of his family. Paul's new solo show embraces the many strands of his career to date and draws on his family heritage.



BENJI KIRKPATRICK

Benji Kirkpatrick is a singer, songwriter and musician. He has been performing solo for nearly 25 years in addition to being one third of Faustus and a key member of Bellowhead. He was head hunted by folk rock pioneers, Steeleye Span, in 2017 (40 years after his Dad, John, was in the band) and has been touring with them since then, featuring on new album 'Estd. 1969' to celebrate 50 years of the band. Benji is a long-term collaborator with Seth Lakeman, featuring on Seth's successful releases 'Kitty Jay' and 'Freedom Fields' and toured again with Seth in February 2020 with the project 'A Pilgrim's Tale'. He has also released four solo albums, the latest 'Hendrix Songs', saw him strip back the songs of his hero and set them in a new, acoustic light.



JACKIE OATES & JOHN SPIERS

Multi award-winning folk artists Jackie and John combine their shared love of English traditional folk tunes and songs with their fine voices and expertly played acoustic instruments. Their first album features songs from the Oxfordshire area that were originally sung by lace-making factory girls to keep time whilst crafting lace and to add enjoyment to their work. Although followers of British folk music will be familiar with Jackie and John from their other high calibre bands, this collaboration began quite innocently and spontaneously when the pair first started playing together for fun during guest spots at Nettlebed Folk Club in Henley-on-Thames. *'It's a treat to listen to...Oates & Spiers are a fine match, the tunes elegantly paced and played, while Oates remains one of our finest singers'* (Folk Witness).

All our artists are well-regarded and professional in their approach to performing, and you can be assured of a high quality and successful concert as well as a friendly and smooth booking experience. They perform at live music venues of all sizes and types and are well-versed in delivering hybrid, livestream & zoom concerts. As well as during tour periods, artists will often additionally be available for one-off bookings and festivals of all kinds - folk, roots, music, arts, community, poetry and literature. We're really open to your ideas for bespoke performance opportunities too, especially since our artists are engaging performers who have a broad appeal and wide-ranging involvements in music and the arts. It's always worth a chat.



Looking forward to working with you