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Michael Chapman: www.michaelchapman.co.uk One of the most under-rated heroes of our time. With his uniquely English melancholic perspective and emotive guitar style he deserves wider recognition. "I had an art college education and on a rainy night in 1966 I went into a pub in Cornwall, but I couldn't afford to pay to go in. So I said, I'll tell you what, I don't want to stay outside in the rain, I'll play guitar for half an hour for you. They offered me a job for the rest of the summer and I've been at it ever since." Brilliant guitar player and superb melancholy songwriting spanning 40 years on the road: "Chapman shared with JJ Cale a penchant for understatement, smoky vocals and beautifully tasteful guitar, and to his devotees like the late John Peel they've never been anything short of an inspired commentary on the human condition" *Guitar & Bass Magazine*
Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.



Steve Tilston & The Durbervilles: www.stevetilstonandthedurbervilles.co.uk **BBC Folk Award winner, Steve Tilston** teams up with established Yorkshire based alt country/folk quintet The Durbervilles to bring rootsy dynamism to the material. Many folk acts and bands including Fairport Convention have had success with Steve Tilston covers - now here is a chance to hear the writer himself in a band setting and they are likely to be a certain hit on any festival stage. The Durbervilles' song writing and four part harmony singing are also strengths which enhance their growing reputation and attracted Steve Tilston to the idea of this new partnership. The Durbervilles were closely involved with Steve's latest album *The Reckoning*, and feature on several of the tracks. *Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout. (For all Steve Tilston Solo Bookings contact : lorraine@differentstrings.co.uk t: 0117 904 1870)*



The Durbervilles www.durbervilles.co.uk The Durbervilles create a unique blend of folk, roots and traditional music, with strong harmonies, thoughtful and crafted lyrics. Their sound has been described by R2 magazine as like the "rootsy edge of Steve Earle & Lindisfarne and with a folkie's grasp of the instrumentals." "The Durbervilles do not stick to the English Folk route but throw country and Cajun into the mix to make a glorious sound". *Maverick magazine* *Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.*



Patsy Matheson and Becky Mills : www.patsymatheson.co.uk & www.beckymills.co.uk Mention the name Patsy Matheson and a warm musical glow envelops the discerning music lover. As part of the driving force of the all-female band, Waking the Witch, Patsy received critical acclaim throughout the music industry, however it is as a solo performer that Patsy's song-writing talent and pure voice comes to the fore. Patsy is touring with Becky Mills, also an ex-member of Waking The Witch, from Spring 2012. Both Patsy & Becky have released new albums. "The strength of her song writing comes into evidence... there's plenty to engage the listener" **Steve Caseman, Rock n Reel, Nov/Dec 08** *Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.*

Gren Bartley www.grenbartley.com
Gren sits on the edge of the ever growing link between English and American folk music. He explores the whole range from traditional English songs to the darkest American blues ballads. Add to this his impressive songwriting with "a depth and insight of someone twice his age" and you will find an artist that is sure to be an important contributor to the roots scene for many years to come. "One to watch out for"
Mike Harding BBC R2 *Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.*



Joseph Topping: www.josephtopping.com
Joe Topping is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from the Wirral, whose musical journey so far has been as colourful & exciting as it has varied. Joe has always been surrounded by music. Many influences filtered down to Joe who plays anything from traditional British folk music to Delta blues slide guitar. At gigs you are just as likely to hear him playing the mandolin, bouzouki, harmonica, dobro or banjo as you are the guitar. "one of the most beautiful voices I have heard" **Chris White**
Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.



Kevin Dempsey / Kevin Dempsey & Rosie Carson www.kevindempsey.co.uk & www.rosiecarson.com
Kevin Dempsey has music in his soul. His multi-faceted career is testament to his talent as a guitarist, singer, songwriter and record producer. His uniquely wide range of professional experience in both the UK and the USA provides the bedrock for his unique range of skills. "A beautiful guitarist" **Martin Carthy**
Kevin is also available in a duo with the talented young American singer and fiddle player, **Rosie Carson**. With Rosie's fiddle and beautiful singing, and Kevin's guitar, banjo, & vocal these are two outstanding musicians, separated by a generation and maybe a culture, but certainly not by musical ability. *Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.*

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Ashley Hutchings Rainbow Chasers
www.rainbowchasers.co.uk

The Chasers is a group formed by Ashley Hutchings. "The Guv'nor", as he is affectionately called, has gathered round him three highly talented musicians: Joe Topping (guitar and vocals), Jo Hamilton (Viola, guitar and vocals) and Ruth Angell (Fiddle, guitar and vocals)



Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.

Alistair Russell www.alistairrussell.co.uk

Singing and playing folk music since his teens, and over thirty years a professional musician, Alistair sings songs mainly from his family homeland Scotland, its neighbour Ireland, self-penned songs inspired by his world-wide travelling with Battlefield Band, and any other song that takes his fancy.

Also available with **Chris Parkinson**.
Enquiries: Contact Aidan Williams



Luke Hirst & Sarah Smout www.hirstsmout.co.uk

Winners of Wath Festival 2011 Young Performers award, Luke & Sarah look to set the acoustic music world alight. Sparkling with imagination, Luke and Sarah are already causing a stir on the local music scene and 2012 promises to be another great year with a new EP on the way. Featuring Luke's fine guitar playing, Sarah's cello and excellent vocals, combined with fresh songwriting, these two are talented newcomers with a fast growing reputation.



Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.



The Hall Brothers
www.thehallbrothers.co.uk

Popular Yorkshire roots band, The Hall Brothers, celebrated 20 years of acoustic music last year. 2012 promises to be a great year with a new live CD, recorded at their sell-out 20th anniversary concert at Otley Courthouse

Enquiries: Contact Aidan Williams



Wilful Missing www.wilfulmissing.co.uk

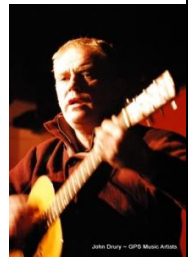
From Bradford, West Yorkshire, Wilful Missing are a great experience live or on record, with beautifully arranged songs featuring Mandolin, Cello, Acoustic Guitar, Keyboards, Accordion, Bagpipes, Cajon, Drums, Bass, Smacked Electric Guitar, and Penny Whistle

Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout

John Drury www.johndrury.net

John Drury is a singer songwriter from The Worth Valley, near Keighley. In the mid 90's he became well known across Yorkshire and recorded with Steve Tilston, Maggie Boyle, Chris Newman and others. His music has a spiritual and loving feel, with wonderfully evocative lyrics and subtle guitar accompaniment.

Enquiries: Contact Aidan Williams



Roger Davies www.rogerdaviesmusic.com

As the composer of *Huddersfield Town*, *Brighouse on Saturday Night*, *Peter Brook's Paintings*, *The Beerbelly Blues*, *The Ghost of Lily Fogg* and *Into the Sun*, Yorkshire musician Roger Davies is making a name for himself as one of today's most entertaining contemporary acoustic folk singer songwriters. "If I had a torch, I'd throw it to him"

Harvey Andrews

Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.



James Findlay
www.jamesfindlay.co.uk

Since winning the 2010 BBC Young Folk Award, James has been signed to Fellside Records, who released his 'Sport and Play' album in February 2011 to great critical acclaim. His enthusiasm lies firmly within the English tradition, amply illustrated by both the albums he has recorded. 'As I Carelessly Did Stray' was released independently, and recorded at the Parkhead Studio as a result of winning the New Roots competition in 2008.

Enquiries: Contact Aidan Williams



Kath Reade www.kathreade.co.uk

Northern based folk singer Kath Reade has a winning way of captivating her audience. Her sound has both British folk and Americana stylings and her songs have that magic something that evokes the mood of some lost timeless classicPassionate Nature is Kath's latest Album: 4/5 stars - Maverick Country - Dec 2010 "In the way most people love chocolate..most people will love Kath's voice.." - Tykes News - Jan 11 "....another stand out album that should see Reade achieve wider recognition for her talents - R2 Magazine, - Sep 2010

Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout.



Judy Dunlop www.judydunlop.com

Judy Dunlop has performed and recorded with some of the folk world's best luminaries including Simon Nicol, Chris Leslie, Phil Beer, Steve Knightley, Martin Carthy, Dave Swarbrick, Ashley Reed, Chris While and Julie Matthews. Her beautiful, wide-ranging voice has inspired several young female singers currently on the British folk scene including Hannah James and Jackie Oates. As a solo performer she leads the audience through a kaleidoscope of story-telling from contemporary and self-penned songs to haunting traditional ballads for which she is so well respected.

Enquiries: Contact Aidan Williams



Broken Ground
www.brokengroundmusic.co.uk
York-based alt-country/neo-folk trio Broken Ground combine finely crafted songs and foot stampin' grooves rich with harmonies that echo Simon & Garfunkel & The Everly Brothers
Enquiries: Contact Graham Smout

Richard Grainger www.richard-grainger.com

Richard Grainger is one of the most prolific and diverse artists on the Folk Scene today, working tirelessly to promote the music and folk arts in general to an ever widening audience.

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