

Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle to play Queen's Hall



Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker and John Doyle three members of the BBC acclaimed Transatlantic Sessions will play the Queen's Hall on Thursday 12 March as part of a unique European tour. With both Mike McGoldrick and John McCusker also having toured for the past year with Mark Knopfler, this is a rare chance to see three of the world's finest musicians share a stage together.

Master of flutes, whistles and Uilleann pipes Mike is a founding member of Flook , and Lunasa and is a current member of Capercaillie. Regarded as one of the greatest flute players of all time, Mike has toured Bob Dylan and Mark Knopfler, as well as with The Afro Celts, RTE Orchestra and Kate Rusby . He has collaborated with the likes of Jim Kerr, Youssou N'Dour, John Cale and Zakir Hussain amongst many others. BBC Radio 2 folk Musician of the year 2006, he was again nominated this year and has just completed his first soundtrack for TG4 and the Smithsonian channel.

John McCusker's unique fiddle playing has earned him a worldwide reputation as one of the most gifted and versatile musicians of any genre. John was also part of the legendary band that toured with both Bob Dyland and mark Knopfler.

Joining the Battlefield band at just 17 John spent 11 years touring the world with the now legendary folk outfit. Renowned for his skill at transcending musical boundaries he has worked with artists ranging from Paulo Nutini and Jools Holland to Steve Earle and Rosanne Cash and has recorded with Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene to name but a few. John's expanding

portfolio as a producer includes debut albums by Kris Drever and Idlewild's Roddy Woomble. He's also manned the controls for top folk chanteuses Eddi Reader, Heidi Talbot, Eliza Carthy, Linda Thompson & Kate Rusby. In 2013 John performed as a soloist with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra at Proms in the Park, playing his own compositions live on BBC TV. 2015 will see John Celebrate 25 years as a professional musician, publishing a book of his compositions, releasing a new solo record & embarking on an extensive UK & European tour.

John Doyle's gifts as guitarist, songwriter and vocalist have played an essential role in the ongoing renaissance of Irish traditional music. Now living in the states, John was the recent musical director for Joan Baez and toured with her for 2 year. One half of the stellar duo Liz Carroll and John Doyle, he is also a founding member of the internationally acclaimed Irish group Solas.

TRIO TOUR FEB-MAR 2015

February

8th – Canterbury – Gulbenkian Theatre www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

9th – North Boarhunt -Forest Folk Club
<http://www.focsle.org.uk/SCoFF/forestfolk/>

10th – Fyfield – The Garrett Sessions
<http://www.thequeensheadfyfield.co.uk/The-Garret-Sessions>

11th – Manchester- Mark Radcliffe Session/Radio

12th – London – Kings Place www.kingsplace.co.uk

16th – Aberdeen – The Lemon Tree
www.aberdeenperformingarts.com

17th – Inverness – Eden Court www.eden-court.co.uk

18th – Birnam – Arts Centre www.birnamarts.com

19th – Peebles – Eastgate Arts Centre www.eastgatearts.com

20th – Bury – The Met www.themet.biz

21st – Saltaire – Victoria Hall www.saltairelive.co.uk

24th – Durham – The Witham Hall www.thewitham.org.uk

25th – Findhorn – Universal Hall
www.findhorn.org/universal-hall/

26th – Stirling – The Tolbooth www.tolbooth.stirling.gov.uk

27th – Paisley – Arts Centre www.boxoffice.renfrewshire.gov.uk

28th – Kendal – Brewery Arts Centre www.breweryarts.co.uk

March

1st – Birmingham – Mac www.macbirmingham.co.uk

2nd – Nettlebed – Village Club www.nettlebedfolkclub.co.uk

3rd – Cambridge – The Junction www.junction.co.uk

4th – York – NCEM www.ncem.co.uk

5th – Basingstoke – The Haymarket www.anvilarts.org.uk

6th – St Helens – Citadel www.citadel.org.uk

7th + 8th – Belfast – Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich
<http://www.culturlann.ie/>

9th – Colchester – Arts Centre www.colchesterartscentre.com

10th – Worcester – Huntingdon Hall

www.worcesterlive.co.uk/huntingdon-hall.asp

11th – Nottingham – Lakeside Arts Centre
www.lakesidearts.org.uk

12th – Edinburgh – The Queen's Hall www.thequeenshall.net

13th – Glasgow – St Andrew's in the Square
www.standrewsinthesquare.com