

# Emily Smith coming to the Queen's Hall on Friday 9th December.



Multi-award winning Scottish folksinger Emily Smith will be appearing at the Queen's Hall on Friday 9th December.

Emily has been a leading voice of the Scottish folk scene for over a decade. 2016 sees the release of her sixth solo album '*Songs For Christmas*'.

Her career began in 2002 when she became BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year. Subsequent accolades include Scots Singer of the Year 2008 & 2014 and two nominations at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2012 (Folksinger of the Year & Best Traditional Track). On '*Songs For Christmas*' Emily presents a beautifully crafted album of original and traditional material drawn from her folk background. The material has been written and collected over the last few years in response to the popularity of her annual Christmas show held in Emily's home region of Dumfries & Galloway, South West Scotland.

The result is an album of songs that inspire, comfort and celebrate Christmas and the winter season. Forgotten gems such as the ancient Scots '*Christ Has My Hairt, Ay*' and soulful ballad '*Heard From Heaven Today*' feature alongside contemporary covers and favourite carols. Smith's songwriting also features with two originals '*Winter Song*' and the single '*Find Hope*'. Joining Emily on the '*Songs For Christmas*' album are multi-instrumentalists Jamie McClennan (fiddle, guitar, vocals), Matheu Watson (guitars, viola) and Ross Hamilton (bass, drums, vocals). Produced by Jamie McClennan and Brandon Bell (Southern Ground, Nashville/Zac Brown Band).

The album will be released worldwide on White Fall Records on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

To launch the album Emily will be touring throughout the UK: Joining Emily on the TOUR are Jamie McLennan, and Anna Massie, with the addition of Ross Hamilton at Edinburgh and Dumfries. \*There will also be a special mystery guest appearing in Edinburgh, a very well know female Scottish singer songwriter that we're very excited about.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Reeth Memorial Hall, Reeth, (North Yorkshire)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – St Lawrence's Church, Biddulph

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Loch Arthur Farm Shop, Beeswing

9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Queen's Hall, Edinburgh\*

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – The Arc Sessions, Inchberry Hall, Fochabers

11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Woodend Barn, Banchory

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Theatre Royal, Dumfries

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Drumlanrig Castle, Thornhill

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