

Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer

Vicki Swan & Jonny Dyer effortlessly blend traditional material with contemporary sounds. Their performances showcase new interpretations of old songs alongside original self-penned tunes and new contemporary songs that are entirely at home in the tradition. They have developed a sound that is both familiar and fresh. Strong believers in letting the music tradition live and breathe through sensitive interpretation, Vicki and Jonny allow the melody to sing without any constraints. Winter 2016 saw Vicki & Jonny as the front cover of the Living Tradition Magazine with a centre spread interview.

Be entranced by the haunting nyckelharpa, amazed at the cow horn (one of the world's earliest communication devices) and meet some of the bagpipes that didn't come from Scotland.

Suitable for all ages, their evenings are packed with toe-tapping tunes and songs of love, death, trains and dressing up (not always at the same time) all presented with sparkling gentle humour, lots of smiles and skillful musicianship.

Vicki Swan (Scottish smallpipes, Swedish nyckelharpa & oktavharpa, flute, English border pipes, Swedish bagpipes, double bass)

Following in her father's footsteps Vicki is a second-generation piper. Having begun the music ladder at the age of five, Vicki went on to study the double bass at the Royal College of Music, becoming the principal double bass and winning the solo double bass competition.

Vicki has now returned to her Swedish roots with the addition of the Swedish nyckelharpa, Swedish bagpipes and translating Swedish ballads. Vicki was a member of the 2013 European Nyckelharpa Orchestra, runs the Nyckelharpas at Halsway and is a tutor for the International Days of Nyckelharpa in Germany for 2014 and 2015.

Jonny Dyer (Vocals, Guitars, Accordion, Cowhorn)
Composer and competition-winning guitar player; Jonny's outstanding technical ability, coupled with a wide-ranging musical taste, has made him a tireless and forceful musical innovator.

Jonny has been singing choral music and playing soul, jazz and folk for as long as he can remember.

Current Discography

Duo:

Paper of Pins - 2016
A Sound of Christmas Past - 2014
Red House - 2013
Stones on the Ground - 2011

Ensembles:

Purcell's Polyphonic Party:
An Invitation to Dance
2017

Serious Kitchen:
Whispering Road
2016

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Paper Of Pins (PoP) album reviews

"...this is the best of Vicki and Jonny's albums to date. There are moments of great beauty, gorgeous arrangements and the record exudes a sense of contentment – something that music should always bring." **Folkingcom**

"All told, PoP is an intriguing and enjoyable mix of music, varied yet coherent. Swan & Dyer know their craft and they know it well." **Bright Young Folk**

"PoP exudes a real sense of cheerfulness and is certainly to be enjoyed". **EDS**

"PoP ... represents another well-rounded artistic statement of complete creative integrity from the accomplished Swan & Dyer team." **fRoots**

"PoP' is quite simply a solid gold, five-star album."
FolkWords - who also awarded it Best Duo Album of 2016

