

Mairi Campbell in concert



From her beginnings as a viola player Mairi Campbell's musical questing has taken her to folk song, traditional fiddle, composition, song-writing, improvised sounding to her present creative place which blends and transcends the skills she has acquired in all of these areas. A performance by Mairi Campbell today takes her listeners on a journey with waypoints that include her own and a careful selection of others' songs (with audience participation), improvised vocal and viola, Scottish dance tunes, and passages of Bach.

Mairi Campbell's impact on Scottish music has been considerable, from her time as half of The Cast, as a go-to session musician, as a fiddle teacher, and as a fearless experimenter with sound, working with everyone from folk singer Dougie MacLean to fiddler Patsy Reid, and from improvisation troupe, The Working Party to Scottish dance band, The Occasionals. Her work has been acknowledged through her numerous awards and her recent induction into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame.

Working with collaborator, producer Dave Gray, she has recorded music which is now being realised on stage by her nine-piece band, The Pendulum Band. Their music is also the voice of the giant puppet, Storm, which will travel round the coastline of Scotland throughout 2020. Mairi Campbell continues to offer solo performances, while working on the third of her one-woman stage shows, following *Pulse* and *Auld Lang Syne*.

Awards

2019 – Inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame
2016 – Winner: Instrumentalist of the Year
2012 Winner – Tutor of the Year – Scots Trad Music Awards
2008 Winner – Scots Singer of the Year – Scots Trad Music Awards
Female Musician of the Year – liveireland 2010
Composition of the year – Liveireland 2010
Burnsong winner – 2010
Neil Gow composition award - Overall winner 2011

*"Prepare to get lost in the evocative music of Mairi Campbell... exquisitely rendered...
skilled viola playing... magical"*

Edinburgh Evening News

"Her voice can stop the clock"

Jim Gilchrist, The Scotsman

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