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## LAU

**Winner of 'Best Group' in BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2008 & 2009**

**This generation's most inventive folk band return with highly anticipated new album**

**LAU** are a formidable trio of three of the finest & most innovative exponents of modern traditional music in Britain today. Their now infamous live shows are a must-see experience with an energy and musicianship which is spellbinding.

Twice winners of **BEST GROUP** at the Radio 2 Folk Awards, Lau are back with their highly anticipated second album, 'Arc Light', released March 30<sup>th</sup> 09 on Navigator Records

The follow up to their hit debut, '**Lightweights and Gentlemen**', '**Arc Light**' is Lau at their very best. A Collection of both traditional and self-penned songs which highlight their unique take on folk music. Highly regarded musicians in their own right, the combined talents of Kris Drever, Martin Green and Aidan O'Rourke make for a fantastic and all-conquering trio. It is no surprise they were once again triumphant at this years BBC Folk Awards. Their stratospheric rise seems set to continue as a crammed touring season in 2009 takes Lau's ferociously impressive live show around the world again.

Lau employ rising, epic song structures not usually associated with Folk music and more akin to those on the leftfield of rock and jazz. The new album sees Kris Drever debut some of his own songs for the first time including the new radio single 'Wintermoon' and there is a special Mojo commissioned Beatles cover as a bonus track on the first pressing of Arc Light.

**'Creative and genre bursting'** \*\*\*\* The Scotsman

**'Balancing frenzied hi-octane moments with those of aching beauty. Album of the Year'**

*FROOTS Magazine*

**'a combined sense of style, adventure and fun that turns the album into an utter corker'**

*Telegraph*

**'Lau are so special'** \*\*\*\* The Guardian

**'Lau's explosive live performances have been generating a major buzz around the UK folk circuit, and this brilliant debut confirms their standing as one of the most exciting new acts in years'** *Songlines 5/5*

**"...quite frankly the best band in the world right now".** Channel 4 Music

KRIS DREVER - is a native of Kirkwall, Orkney. His distinctive guitar style & singing voice have brought him much attention in recent years. His debut album as a solo artist, **Black Water, won him the Horizon/Best Newcomer Award at the 2008 BBC Folk Awards.** Kris also plays as part of Drever McCusker Woomble (with John McCusker and Roddy Woomble)

MARTIN GREEN - has played with many of the great singers & players of folk & traditional music including Joan Baez, Kathryn Tickell, Linda Thompson, & a long-term collaboration with Eliza Carthy culminating in a duo album "Dinner". 'First Sighting' by The Martin Green Machine is due out February 09.

AIDAN O'ROURKE – is an incredible fiddle player & composer from Oban & was recently voted Instrumentalist of the Year 2006 at the Scots Trad Music Awards. A member of the hugely successful **Blazin' Fiddles**, Aidan's skills are much sought after having performed on over 60 albums. Recent solo release, 'An Tobar', has garnered great reviews.

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