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Martin Carthy and Norma Waterson with Chris Parkinson

'English Folk music is lucky to have such persuasive ambassadors' – The Sunday Times

For more than 30 years **Norma Waterson** and **Martin Carthy** have been at the forefront of the English folk scene. Joined by their long time friend Chris Parkinson they perform fantastic traditional songs and music in a way only they know how.

Martin Carthy is a much loved and enormously influential figure in English folk music and has been for over 40 years. He has appeared and recorded solo, as a duo with fiddler Dave Swarbrick, and as part of bands The Watsons, Steeleye Span, Brass Monkey and Blue Murder. Awarded the MBE in 1998, Martin has been the subject of various TV documentaries and has received a spectrum of BBC Folk Awards including 'Folk Singer of the Year'.

Norma Waterson, is one of the country's finest, most emotive singers with her wonderfully compassionate voice and another BBC Folk Award recipient. Norma is a founder member of groundbreaking harmony group ('the Folk Beatles') The Watsons, and a fellow member of Blue Murder. Norma has also been awarded the MBE, and was the first folk artist to be nominated for a Mercury Music Prize when she famously very nearly pipped Pulp to first place.,

Chris Parkinson has played music since the age of 5, starting with the harmonica and developing into a long career playing in various bands. Other instruments he has accomplished include the piano, guitar, concertina, tin whistle, melodeon, piano, accordion and keyboard - and even finds time to play the fiddle. He has worked with a number of people from the folk scene and beyond, including Ralph Mactell, Steve Philips and Billy Connelly

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