

SIAN PHILLIPS AND FRIENDS

Welsh Americana Mix Live at North End Studios In Burlington, Vermont
Celtic Beat Beltaine to Lughnasad 2015

This is the first of two CDs that resulted from Welsh fiddler Sian Phillips teaching tour and visit to the northeast USA last fall. It is always a great opportunity when a fine Celtic artist from the "old country" combines with the musical artists of the "new world" to produce something unique. Particularly with a comparative rarity of a Welsh fiddler. There are gems to be heard on this CD. And with the support and active contribution of Vermont Celtic artists Sarah Hotchkiss and John Mowad of Cariad, piper and front man Ian MacHarg of Prydain, Contra dance king David Kaynor, fiddlers Cooper Strong and Susan Reid, clog dancer Ann Whiting, The Fiddleheads and The Vermont Fiddle Orchestra.

Opening with a dramatic and then by turns lilting "Hiraeth"/"Black As Coal"/"The Lily" this CD goes on a massive journey with 16 cuts. I will merely mention a few that are my favorites. The second cut with Scots tunes with Iain MacHarg on pipes "Father John McMillan of Barra"/"Mrs MacLeod"/"High Road" was excellent. Beyond the fact that this is a combination of tunes I am fond of, this cut both stood out and integrated well with the rest of the programme. What stood out for me as sheer poetry is the "Pumpkin Rim Waltz." A lovingly lyrical work with Susan Reid. Sian combines with clogger Ann Whiting for "Tom Jones" which makes you want to see if this is also available on DVD. David Kaynor introduces the "The Lambs Fold Vale" which draws you in with its happy liveliness. And I found "Coleg y Brifysgol Aberdawe"(University College of Swansea) by Pat Shaw on several levels a fascinating musical meld.

These are merely a few of the tunes on this CD that I can point to. AK

In addition to this CD Sarah Hotchkiss is producing another from Sian's visit: Sian Phillips: Trip To New England" will be available. You can order this CD with free shipping by July 17th. Contact woodburysstrings@gmail.com

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