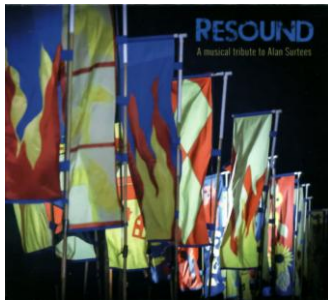


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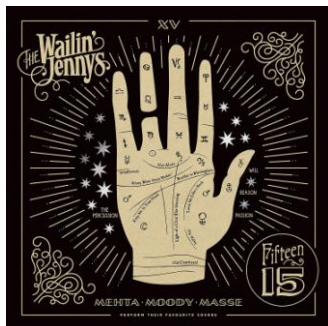


Various Artists – Resound – A Tribute to Alan Surtees

Alan Surtees co-Director and founder of the Shrewsbury Folk Festival sadly passed away earlier this year. Alan was a friend and mentor to many on the folk scene.

Artists with a close connections to Shrewsbury have contributed songs to a album as a tribute to Alan. All proceeds from the album will go to the Alan Surtees Trust which will give grants to young and emerging musicians and new musical projects. For avoidance of doubt 100% of the sale price will go to the charitable trust. The album was first available at this year's Shrewsbury Folk Festival but you can now get your copies here. A huge thanks to all the artists who have donated their music free of charge.

Highly Recommended. Available Now: £10.00



The Wailin' Jennys – Fifteen

Now celebrating their fifteenth year together with an album appropriately call 'Fifteen'. The Wailin' Jennys again bring their own arrangements and harmonies to some of their favorite covers.

"We think the album has a live, real, moment-in-time kind of feel to it, and are so happy to be putting it out there for our fans. Some of the covers are songs we've had arranged for a while but haven't had the chance to record. The others were brought to the mix for this record. They are all songs that are close to our heart for one reason or another or that feel appropriate for the times." - The Wailin' Jennys

Available Now: £11.99



Cara Dillon - Wanderer

Cara Dillon, one of the most celebrated singers in Irish Folk music, announces the release of her brand new album Wanderer. For this, her seventh album, the award-winning singer once again collaborates with longtime musical partner, producer and husband Sam Lakeman to offer a collection of songs featuring intimate performances that capture some of her most moving vocal performances to date. Building upon a career based on folk songs rooted in time and place, Wanderer sees Cara delve deeper into the tradition, not finding reasons to circumvent it. The underlying theme being the movement of people, of emigration and the pursuit of love. It's a collection that speaks to Cara's fascination with songs of departure and the powerful desire to belong. Each of the album's ten tracks feature beautifully sparse piano and acoustic guitar arrangements by Sam Lakeman, who also produces.. Guest performances by Kris Drever, John Smith, Justin Adams, Niall Murphy and Ben Nicholls provide modest and expressive backing, helping to make this a sincere and understated work of art.

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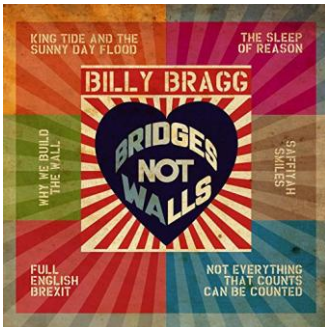


O'Hooley & Tidow – Winterfolk – Volume 1

WinterFolk is a collection of original, contemporary and traditional winter songs by 'one of British Folk Music's mightiest combinations' (Mojo); Belinda O'Hooley & Heidi Tidow. The album reflects on some of the darker hues aspects of yuletide, considering the season in an alternative, real way, from the absence or loss of children, to domestic violence at Christmas, from global warming to poverty, religion, displacement, migration and loneliness.

BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner Ben Walker has contributed timeless, contemporary classical string arrangements, reminiscent of the melancholic beauty of Max Richter and the iconic arrangements of Nick Drake's songs by Harry Robinson. Belinda and Heidi have recomposed some of their own winter songs from early albums Silent June and The Fragile, into mature, poignant and considered interpretations.

They have also written their very own WinterFolk Carol, confirming their reputation as 'exceptional songwriters'. **Available Now: £11.99**



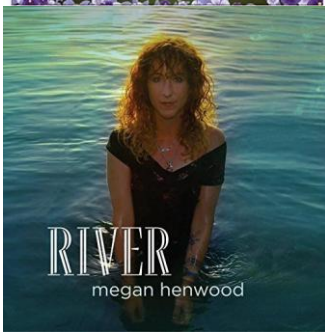
Billy Bragg – Bridges Not Walls (EP)

Billy Bragg, the protest singer, released a new mini album 'Bridges Not Walls' on Nov 3rd 2017 on the Cooking Vinyl label. 'Bridges Not Walls' features all of the singles he has released over the summer plus two other gems that stand shoulder to shoulder with every song Billy has written in his 30 year career on the frontline. 'Bridges Not Walls' sees Billy Bragg doing what he does best, writing heartfelt and gloriously moving songs confronting the issues of the day. **Available Now: £5.99**



Naomi Bedford & Paul Simmonds – Songs My Ruiner Gave Me

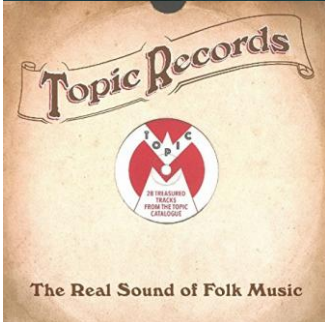
Naomi Bedford and Paul Simmonds new album 'Songs My Ruiner Gave Me' features contributions from Andy Summers, Justin Currie and Folk Award winner Ben Walker among many others, it is an eclectic, roots based look at love, madness and obsession and ranges from the jug band holler of 'Still Want You Blues' to a gothic folk adaptation of a little known Percy Shelley poem, 'Young Parson Richard', stopping off at all points in between. Naomi and Paul came together over a mutual love of folk and country music styles. Paul was the mandolin player and songwriter with The Men They Couldn't Hang; Naomi was the singer and writer of Orbital hit 'Funny Break'. At the heart of the album are Naomi and Paul. Partners in real, as well as musical, life; the album is their mission, their story and, appropriately, a true labour of love. **Available Now: £11.99**



Megan Henwood - River

The most mature work yet of an artist renowned for her intoxicating blend of acoustic and electronic ingredients, River depicts Henwood's lifelong relationship with the rivers and seas that flow into her creativity. Its alt-folk essence is illuminated with shades of sophisticated jazz and low-key electronica, on a record of dark hues and discreet optimism.

The album, again produced by close collaborator Tom Excell, is the third in a bespoke series that began after Megan won the 2009 BBC Young Folk Award, aged just 20, with her brother Joe. Her debut Glastonbury Festival appearance duly followed the next year. **Available Now - £11.99**



Various Artists – Topic Records – The Real Sound of Folk Music (2 CD)

The perfect introduction to Topic Records the worlds oldest surviving independent record label, a 2 CD set featuring 28 specially selected tracks from the labels vast catalogue.

The story of Topic is synonymous with the growth of folk as a musical and social movement in Britain and these recordings demonstrate the bridge between modern music and a traditional art form. On this 2 CD set you will find some of the most remarkable singers, songs and tunes - either drawn directly from the tradition or inspired by it.

Tracks featured include John Tam's, Unity, Steve Ashley's, Ships of Shame, Dick Gaughan's, Both Sides the Tweed and Ewan MacColl's, Dirty Old Town. Many of the tracks deal with social issues of the time and there are also re-workings of great traditional story songs like - Anne Briggs' Blackwater Side, Mike Waterson's Tamlyn, Nic Jones' Canadee-i-o and the majestic performances by Martin Simpson, Shirley Collins, Davy Graham, Martin Carthy, Eliza Carthy and The Watsons. Topic also offers up June Tabor and Oysterband cover version of Joy Divisions classic Love Will Tear Us Apart. Pentangle, Andrew Cronshaw, Brass Monkey, Vin Garbutt, Johnny Handle, Bill Caddick, The Cheviot Ranters, Cilla Fisher and Artie Tresize, Silly Sisters, Tim Van Eyken, Peter Bellamy and Oak - the list goes on - a fulfilling and haunting introduction to the great legacy of the folk tradition and Topic Records. **Available Now - £11.99**

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