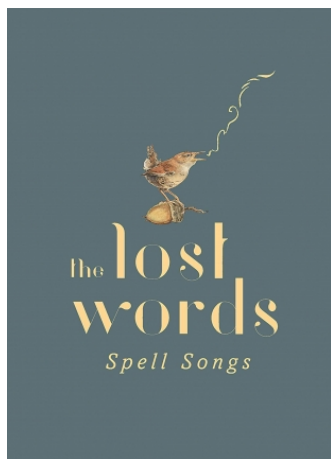


## Summer 2019

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**Julie Fowlis, Karine Polwart, Seckou Keita, Kris Drever, Kerry Andrew, Rachel Newton, Beth Porter and Jim Molyneux - The Lost Words: Spell Songs**

Deluxe CD and book. Singing nature back to life through the power of music, poetry, art and magic, The Lost Words: Spell Songs is a musical companion piece to best-selling 'The Lost Words' book by author Robert Macfarlane and artist Jackie Morris.

This beautifully presented deluxe CD in a hardback book gathers together eight remarkable musicians, Julie Fowlis, Karine Polwart, Seckou Keita, Kris Drever, Kerry Andrew, Rachel Newton, Beth Porter, Jim Molyneux, whose music engages deeply with landscape and nature, to respond to the creatures, art and language of The Lost Words.

"There are songs here that would live with me for the rest of my years, even if I'd had no part in their making." Robert Macfarlane.

"We need new dreamers to find a new way, new stories to shape the future, new songs, always new songs." Jackie Morris

**£19.99**



**Martin Simpson – Rooted (available to pre-order)**

Deluxe 2 CD edition. Singer, songwriter and guitar virtuoso Martin Simpson will release his brand new studio album *Rooted* on August 30. Produced by Andy Bell and recorded in Sheffield and Oxfordshire. Summing up the themes of his new album, Martin says: *"The music and songs embrace nature and travel, mental health, real life stories, loss, politics and history... and the threads that bind all this together can be followed back a long way, to 1965 when I got my first guitar and started to soak up material and ideas at a very rapid rate."*

*Rooted* features an array of stellar guest musicians, including Nancy Kerr (fiddle and viola), Andy Cutting (melodeon and diatonic accordion), Liz Hanks (cello), John Smith (electric guitar and vocals), Ben Nicholls (string bass and electric bass guitar), Julie Matthews (vocals), Alan Barnes (clarinet), Max Simpson (vocals), Amy Smith (vocals), Chris While (vocals) and Tom A Wright (drums and percussion). Richard Hawley and Dom Flemons contribute backing vocals and bones respectively to first single 'Neo'. As well as vocals, Martin himself plays banjola, 5-string banjo, 6-string fretless banjo, electric bass guitar and electric and resonator guitars! **£12.99**



**Rod Picott – Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil**

The album is described by Rod as "...by far the most intimate recording I've made, stripped to the bone, just guitar, harmonica and me."

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**Belinda O'Hooley - Inversions**

*Inversions* showcases Belinda's abilities as a composer and pianist with many of the piano pieces inspired by the songs and tunes her father inherited from a long line of male musicians from Monalea up in the Ox Mountains in the West of rural Ireland. With the passing of her father in 2017, Belinda; the first woman to be handed the tradition, has found the freedom to express the music of her ancestors in her very own, unconventional way, evolving and migrating into something you could describe as an inversion: a reversal of the norm.

Two spoken word pieces bookend the album; the first, *Inside a Soul* explores the role that nurturing provides in the actualisation of childhood dreams and the other, *My Father's Reel* is a deeply personal exploration of patriarchy and the family; both featuring tender piano accompaniment *Inversions* encapsulates the essence of an artist truly at one with her instrument. **£12.99**



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### **Nancy Kerr and James Fagan - An Evening With Nancy Kerr and James Fagan**

Multi-award-winning duo release their first LIVE album. The sixth Kerr Fagan duo album has been highly anticipated for years. Their fifth album "Twice Reflected Sun" helped win them "Best Duo" for the second time at the 2011 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Since then, they have moved to Sheffield, had two children, and formed Melrose Quartet. Nancy Kerr has made two solo CDs, won "Folk Singer of the Year" at the 2015 BBC Folk Awards and been a key part of multiple acclaimed collaborations. Fagan has recorded on three Cara Dillon albums, touring with her band and Bellowhead. A live album was long overdue. Recorded over two consecutive nights at sellout shows in Kimpton Parish Church (Hertfordshire) and Crookes Social Club (Sheffield), "An Evening With" is the first chance to hear a top-class recording of this dynamic duo in their favourite environment - live on stage, playing for each other and their audience in a joyous, thrilling outpouring of music and storytelling. The quality and clarity of both the performance and the production are abundantly evident. Nothing is added - what they played is what you hear. The energetic crowd reaction is thrilling, and on two particular tracks the combined power of Nancy, James and the audience singing in harmony is something to behold. In some ways, "An Evening with Nancy Kerr & James Fagan" can be seen as a 23 year career retrospective. It features some of their most requested songs from across their previous 5 albums, including "Dance to your Daddy" and "Anderson's Coast". The setlist is far broader than a mere "best of" collection though, and includes several never before recorded pieces. Beautifully presented in a tri-fold sleeve graced with live photography by Elly Lucas, this is a "must have" album for fans of Kerr Fagan and a brilliant introduction to the duo for new listeners. **£11.99**



### **Bruce Springsteen – Western Stars**

"This record is a return to my solo recordings featuring character-driven songs and sweeping, cinematic orchestral arrangements," Springsteen said in a statement. "It's a jewel box of a record." According to a press release, "the 13 tracks of Western Stars encompass a sweeping range of American themes, of highways and desert spaces, of isolation and community and the permanence of home and hope." Like his previous two albums, Ron Aniello produced the album alongside playing bass, keyboard and other instruments. Over 20 musicians play on the album, including original E Street Band keyboard player David Sancious and violinist Soozie Tyrell and organist Charlie Giordano from the current edition of the group. Jon Brion – best known for his work with Kanye West and Fiona Apple – plays celeste, Moog, and farfisa. Springsteen's wife and E Street bandmate Patti Scialfa is responsible for the vocal arrangements on four songs and sings on others. Western Stars is Springsteen's first album of new, original songs since 2012's Wrecking Ball. "[The] record is influenced by Southern California pop music of the Seventies" he told Variety in December. "Glen Campbell, Jimmy Webb, Burt Bacharach, those kinds of records. I don't know if people will hear those influences, but that was what I had in my mind. It gave me something to hook an album around; it gave me some inspiration to write." **£11.99**

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