

Season 2023-24: Concert 1

Dopey Monkey



7.30pm 22 October 2023 Viewfield Baptist Church

This concert is promoted by Dunfermline Arts Guild with financial assistance from Creative Scotland provided through Chamber Music Scotland.



Dopey Monkey

Dopey Monkey began in 2015 with Danielle Price and Martin Lee Thomson exploring all things tuba and euphonium in an informal concert for friends. Known for their varied creative output, they draw upon their experiences in jazz, folk, classical and experimental music to create new projects and musical works. They are passionate about showcasing their instruments in different contexts as well as using them as a medium to investigate cross-arts projects, and really enjoy collaborative projects where they can explore and share stories alongside other artists and communities.

As individual arts practitioners, Danielle and Martin have established careers involving performance, composition, artistic residencies, teaching/education and arts management.

Together as a duo they have been invited guest artists at Sergio Carolino's Gravissimo Festival 2018 as well as the prestigious International Tuba and Euphonium Conference in Iowa, 2019, virtual ITEC 2021 and YABAI FEST hosted by Japan's FU-CHING-GUIDO in 2021. They were Dandelion Scotland 2022 Musicians in Residence for Findhorn Bay Arts Unexpected Gardens in Forres and began 2023 as chamber music participants of the Britten Pears Young Artist Programme alongside percussionist Adrian Ortman.

Dopey Monkey are also Ensemble in Residence 2022–24 for Chamber Music Scotland, who are supporting tonight's concert: "We believe that there is a space within the chamber music sector for the playful and experimental. As an ensemble, we feel that we align well with CMS's exploration of what chamber music is, who it is for, and what it can be."

Acknowledgements

Music collected from:

Donald McLeod: *An t-Eilean Mor* Captain Simon Fraser Collection:

The Airs and Melodies Peculiar to the Highlands of Scotland and the Isles

Dean William Christie: Traditional Ballad Airs

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PROGRAMME

Irish Air with Song Thrush – Peter Cowdry

Mo Ghleannan Toabh Loch Liobhan (My Little Glen by Loch Leven)

- trad. arr. David Swan

Fuirich A'Ribhinn (Wait My Sweetheart) – trad. arr. David Swan

Clachan Mo Ghaoil (My Beloved Village) – trad. arr. David Swan

There's Nothing Under the Moon I'd Crave - trad. arr. Dopey Monkey

Nian Tormaid (MacLeod's Daughter) - trad. arr. Dopey Monkey

15-minute INTERVAL

Coffee/tea will be available during the interval You will find toilets at the top of the entrance staircase (disabled and ladies) and the bottom of the staircase (men)

Masters of Yule - Magnus Pickering

Bhier Mi Cliu Don Eilean Mor (Praise for the Big Island)

- trad. arr. David Swan

Eilidh - trad. arr. David Swan

Cro Nan Gobhar (The Goat Penn) – trad. arr. Dopey Monkey

Binnorie O Binnorie (The Cruel Sister) - trad. arr. Dopey Monkey

Cia iad ar Dee s'ar duile truen (Where Are Your Gods and Mighty Hopes)

- trad. arr. Dopey Monkey

Càrn Air A'Mhonadh (Cairn on the Moor) - trad. arr. David Swan

A special offer from our Chairman

If you have enjoyed tonight's programme, and would like to attend the remaining concerts of the season, we invite you to upgrade your ticket to a £65 season ticket. Overall you'll be able to attend six concerts for little more than the price of four, and it will cost you only an extra £50, or £10 for each additional concert. But, in order to take advantage of this offer, you need to talk to our Chairman or Treasurer *before* you leave!