

Mp3 Dreamcraft - Echoes Of Ancient Songs



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Echoes of ancient songs reflects the music and people of the south west of Ireland, songs and fiddle tunes which capture the essence and mysticism of ancient music and the people who lived it. 9 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, COUNTRY: Country Folk Details: Dreamcraft a brief biography (February/2004) Dreamcraft are Geertien Wijnhoven Gary Mac Leman and they've been gigging together since 1994. Their music is a blend of original material and trad/folk, a merging of contemporary and original songs with airs, jigs, reels and polkas. For the most part the sets are lively and well suitable for pubs etc., whilst providing some more exotic material for the discerning listener. A festival set consists of mostly original material written by Gary. Dreamcraft, resident in Ireland for the summers, tour often on the continent in Germany, Holland, Belgium Luxembourg, for the winters. At times they travel even further afield, gigging in China, Singapore and Australia as well as England, Wales and Scotland. In the summer of 1997 they released their first CD, which was recorded live, in Kinsale. This featured Tommy O'Leary, the well known Clonakilty box-player and was entitled, 'Spaces Between.' Around the turn of the millennium a second CD, entitled 'Echoes of Ancient Songs', was released. It reflected what was happening around them during 1999 in the small west Cork town of Clonakilty, where there always seemed to be an abundance of fine music and talented musicians. Guests on the CD were Paddy Keenan, Ray Barron, Tom O'Leary, Cathal Hickey, Paul Jayes John Fitzgerald. The CD was well received, gaining airplay in many countries worldwide. Dreamcraft's 3rd CD, entitled, 'The Wombat shuffle,' was released in October, 2003 and featured lots of great new songs played by the duo and several guest musicians. These include; Tommy O'Leary, Ray Barron, Jason O'Driscoll, Robert Coppard and John Cullinane. A licensing and publishing agreement is about to be signed with Classic Fox Records Limited. Latest news; With the winter continental tour finished, Dreamcraft are back gigging about the

south west of Ireland. They will also be doing a deal more acoustic sessions, often aided by their friend Tommy O'Leary. These dates will feature on our website, denoted as Trad sessions, check them out at dreamcraft.ie, e-mails to dreamcraft@eircom.net. Some press comments; "Dreamcraft is great for a sense of heart that rides all the way from the most humorous to the most pensive of musical moods. If you like your folk music unexpectedly diversified yet intertwined intimately with the traditional, shuffle on over to their Web site and order this CD." (Mike Stiles/Green man review/May 2004) "Last night we heard Dreamcraft, a Dutch girl and an Australian, play jigs and reels and sing sad, ancient airs; and they were magic." (Irish Examiner. 18/8/2003) "I enjoyed this CD immensely. The band is aptly named for it's elaborations on the themes of fantasy and dream." (Green man review, 2002) "Dreamcraft's spirited music has wooed audiences during a world tour throughout Europe, Asia and Australia, including a session for our very own Hollywood star, Russell Crowe." (Mt. Buller Festival Brochure, March 2001.) "Dreamcraft, with some of the most original material to come out of the Irish folk scene in the last few years, continue to amaze as they tour with their exquisite blend of poetic, self penned songs, contemporary folk songs and fiddle tunes." (Manning River Times, January 2001) "With it's emphasis on Gary's originals and the band's creative and tasteful arrangements, ' Echoes of Ancient Songs ' is undeniably Dreamcraft's best recording yet." (Dutch Music Journal, January 2000.) "Dreamcraft's pub gigs feature traditional Irish fiddle tunes, contemporary songs, as well as their own self penned material. The discerning listener will recognize the power of Dreamcraft's original songs." (Medicine Music, January 1999.)

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