

# **NORTH BY EAST : GARETH DAVIES-JONES & CALUM STEWART**

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### **THE TOUR**

North By East is a musical collaboration between singer-songwriter Gareth Davies-Jones and flautist Calum Stewart. Gareth was born and raised in County Down in the North East of Ireland and now lives near Newcastle Upon Tyne in the North East of England. Calum is originally from Elgin in the North East of Scotland and studied on the folk degree course at Newcastle University. Taking songs and tunes from each of these three distinctive regions of the British Isles Gareth and Calum have put together an evocative, compelling and engaging evening of musical entertainment. From tales of rural life, industry and shipwrecks to reflections on itinerant pencil makers the stories that lie behind the songs add an extra dimension to the show. The artists also share something of their own musical heritage and the impact that the landscape, the people and the places of the North East regions have had on their writing and performance.

### **GARETH DAVIES-JONES**

Combining Folk, Americana, Roots and Acoustic traditions Irish-born singer-songwriter Gareth Davies-Jones demonstrates an honesty, depth and passion with his beautifully arranged and evocative songs. Compelling you to listen to each word sung and every note strummed his powerful and strong lyrics bring affecting stories laced with social and political observations. Alongside solo tours, other collaborations include tours with Yvonne Lyon and Megson and support work for Karine Polwart, Phil Beer, Waterson Carthy, Steve Tilston, Paul Field and Coco Mbassi.

One of the UK's best-kept musical secrets... powerful songs and affecting performances

**Properganda**

Rich and soulful vocals, a fine ear for melody & masterful acoustic guitar playing

**Rockn'Reel Magazine**

Gareth is a fresh new voice ... real songs with some real things to say, in a melodic and entertaining way. A fine addition to the troubadour tradition

**Jez Lowe**

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### **CALUM STEWART**

A leading instrumentalist in contemporary traditional, British Isles, European and World music, Calum Stewart has established his own unique and appealing style. His fluid and haunting Wooden Flute playing draws out a fresh and invigorating sound which nevertheless captures the spirit of the tradition. Calum plays and collaborates with other contemporary acoustic and folk acts such as Mabon, Manran, Heikki Bourgault and Maes Iago.

Is it possible to play a wooden flute with youthful exuberance and virtuosity at the same time? It seems it is

**Folker! Magazine**

Calum is a musician who manages to combine the search for fresh, new and innovative music with a deep commitment to tradition

**Rab Adams**

Calum has quickly reinforced himself as a master player of the Wooden Flute

**Mick Tems, Taplas Magazine**

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