

'The Friel Sisters'

Self-titled debut CD by The Friel Sisters

The Friel Sisters, Anna, Sheila and Clare Friel, are excited to announce the release of their long awaited debut album, 'The Friel Sisters.' Recorded in the summer of 2013 their album hosts a mixture of tunes and song with guest musicians Gearóid Mooney and Griogair Labhruidh on guitar and Seamus O'Kane, bodhran virtuoso.

The Friels are young traditional musicians born and brought up in Glasgow with their family roots firmly entrenched in the Donegal Gaeltacht (Doire na mainsear). They play a mixture of music interspersed with songs in English and Irish, many from their family repertoire. Being siblings, they achieve a close blend on fiddle, flute and uilleann pipes and have been drawn to music from bands such as The Bothy band, Altan and Planxty and singers such as the Ní Dhomhnaill and Keane sisters. The girls have performed in various venues and festivals including the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall as part of Celtic Connections, the Danish Tønder Festival, Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann as part of FleadhLive, Willie Clancy Summer School, Catskill's Irish Arts Week in New York, Frankie Kennedy Winter School, Sligo Live, Celtic Fusion and at many other festivals across Europe, America and Asia. They have appeared as guests on stage with acts such as Altan, The Chieftains, Cherish the Ladies, Solas and Fídal.

The official launch will take place in Donegal 30th December 2013 at the 20th and final Scoil Gheimhridh Frankie Kennedy this winter and will be launched by Mairead Ní Mhaonaigh in An Gailearaí, Gaoth Dobhair at 4pm. This will closely be followed by a launch at Celtic Connections 17th Jan. The album will be available from in all good traditional record shops, from www.frielmusic.com, CD baby (as CD and digital download) and soon iTunes.

The girls will be featuring and performing music from 'The Friel Sisters' on various television and radio programmes including live on BBC Radio 3's "World on 3" broadcast on 17th January 2014, TG4's "Róisín" chat show on 27th January 2014 and the RTÉ 1's "The Fleadh Programme" on 7th February 2014, amongst other performances.

Reviews -

"...the Glasgow-born, Donegal-bloodlined Friel Sisters...a real breath of fresh air in singing clearly and unaffectedly and playing unencumbered jigs with skill, shape and heart to free the music from its showbiz straight jacket." - The Herald, Glasgow

"The Friel Sisters' music cannot be held back; it is what comes natural to them. They breathe music, they live music, they love music. Traditional Irish music is in a richer place for having these young genuine people carry it on to future generations." - Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh

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