

Reviews - Adolygiadau

Folk Wales

The band explode into the traditional song 'Y Cadno a'r Cardis' (The Fox And The Cardis); Danny Kilbride's urgent guitar drives the narrative and rhythm along, and the band's sound captures the thrilling essence of the influential and revered Breton sonneur Erik Marchand.....The wonderful, strong voice of Linda Owen Jones sets the narrative, and the swelling instruments of flautist James Rourke, fiddler Rhian Evan Jones and the pibgorn and pipes of Antwn Owen Hicks draw this track to its exciting climax.

fRoots

'Profiad' mixes a whole pile of trad vocal tracks with airs, original tunes and Meic Stevens' epic tribute to a Merthyr labour martyr - 'Dic Penderyn'. The band are sharp, their playing by turn breathily atmospheric, or paced and driving. Vocalist Linda Owen Jones carries all before her in splendid fashion, especially effective on the close harmony, 'Y Dryw Bach', which steams into the title track - fiddle, flute and pipes weaving a tight mattress for further lyrical wonder and a marvellously spirited Balkan close.

Living Tradition

This is the most impressive album yet from Welsh band Carreg Lafar. They have a strong line up, with impressive and passionate vocals, both female and male and a very accomplished instrumental line-up of fiddle, flute/whistles, guitar and assorted bagpipes/mandola/percussion. A good ear for a melody and some excellent arrangements make this stand out as one of the finest albums of Welsh music I have heard - Paul Burgess.

Golwg

Hyfryd yw'r llais a phur yw'r dôn – croeso i fyd Carreg Lafar!Mae'r cerddoriaeth yn wyllt, yn rhuthro yn ei flaen, gyda drymiau yn dwrdio a'r fflwiwt yn mynd syth at y galon. Mae'r Profiad yn un pleserus iawn. Dyma be' ydi cerddoriaeth Geltaid go iawn.

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"Carreg Lafar have a magnetic and unique power; singer Linda Owen Jones mesmerises and elates the audience with her commanding, fabulous voice and her shimmying form, constantly dancing to squeeze the last drops of energy out of a traditional tune.....The band never let the tension drop.....Meic Stevens' song Dic Penderyn, lamenting the Merthyr martyr, Glan Môr Heli and Gwangwyn build up to a proud and beautiful Aberhonddu, while Tri Pheth explodes with a mighty and glorious noise!" – Mick Tems

A Celtic Autumn Evening - Atlanta

"Carreg Lafar gave a smooth, highly energy-charged, spellbinding performance. The audience adored them". - Chris Moser, Artistic Director

Celtic Nations Festival - Goderich, Canada

"Carreg Lafar was one of the most dynamic, exciting and tightly executed groups I have ever seen. They made Welsh traditional music accessible to an audience that was unfamiliar with that type of music. They were a model of how to present traditional music - outstanding musicianship and production values". - Warren Robinson, Artistic Director