

Short Biography

Carreg Lafar performs Welsh traditional music described by *Sing Out!* as “a dense flurry of vocals, fiddle, pibgorn, flute and guitar.” The band has changed many people’s view of Welsh music through their use of strong traditional melodies, inventive arrangements and lively, passionate performances.

Lead vocals are sung by Linda Owen Jones, her voice described as pure, mesmerizing, and passionate. She is supported by Rhian Evan-Jones, whose fiddle style is dynamic, yet lyrical and soulful; James Rourke’s flute is soaring and breathily atmospheric whilst Antwn Owen Hicks, punctuates songs with pipes and pibgorn, as well as adding warm vocals and harmonies. All is underpinned by Danny KilBride’s sensitive, rhythmic and driving guitar.

Carreg Lafar has toured in the UK, France, Spain, Belgium and North America six times, performing at some major festivals and arts centres, including Piping Live! Festival Interceltique de Lorient, Celtic Colours and Gooikoorts. Artistic Director of the Atlanta Celtic Festival commented that “Carreg Lafar gave a smooth, highly energy-charged, spellbinding performance. The audience adored them.”

The band has released three albums with Sain Records, ‘Ysbryd y Werin’, ‘HYN’ and ‘Profiad’ as well as an EP ‘Cadno’ in 2013. A new fourth album will be released in 2016, the band’s 20th anniversary.

“It’s refreshing to come right back to the core and listen to the excellence that Welsh trad, done well, can conjure .” **fRoots**