

JULY-AUGUST 2018

# Gig Guide



## Songlines picks...

### Larmer Tree Festival (South, July 19-22)

After a year off, this boutique festival is back with a line-up as eclectic as ever.

### Prom 27: Folk Music (London, August 3)

A rare showcase of folk music from the UK and Ireland comes to the Proms this year.

### Roberto Fonseca (London & Midlands, August 4-5 & 7)

Don't miss this rare chance to see the Cuban jazz pianist in action.

### Baba Zula (London, August 10)

The Turkish group will bring their unique psychedelic avant-garde folk-rock to London.

### I'm With Her (pictured) (Scotland, August 27-28)

The Americana super-trio of Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan.

Lindsey Byrnes

## LONDON

### JUN-SEP, EVERY TUE Woodburner

**Weekly Festival** Dalston Eastern Curve Garden [woodburnermusic.co.uk](http://woodburnermusic.co.uk); **18-22 JUL Che Malambo** The Peacock 0844 412 4300; **19-22 JUL Africa Utopia** Southbank Centre [southbankcentre.co.uk](http://southbankcentre.co.uk); **20 JUL Viva Colombia!** Jazz Cafe [thejazzcafelondon.com](http://thejazzcafelondon.com); **20, 26 & 27 JUL, 3, 9, 10, 17, 24 & 31 AUG Campfire Club**, Various venues [thenestcollective.co.uk](http://thenestcollective.co.uk); **20-22 JUL China National Traditional Orchestra: Xuanzang's Pilgrimage** Sadler's Wells 0844 412 4300; **21 JUL Hola! London: Carlos Vives + Rubén Blades + Piso 21 + Descemer Bueno** The O2 [theo2.co.uk](http://theo2.co.uk); **21-22 JUL Yoruba Arts Festival**

Clissold Park **FREE** [yorubaarts.org](http://yorubaarts.org); **23 JUL Ange Hardy** Green Note 020 7485 9899; **24 JUL Orchestre Les Mangelepa** Rich Mix 020 7613 7498; **Chintan Upadhyay** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **25 JUL Hamid El Kasri** Nell's Jazz & Blues 0871 220 0260; **25-28 JUL Chakardar Tabla & Kathak Retreat** The Purcell School, Bushey [chakardar.com](http://chakardar.com); **27 JUL Joao Bosco Quartet** Union Chapel 020 7226 1686; **Joe Bataan** Ronnie Scott's 020 7439 0747; **Annie Whitehead's World Music Workshop Band** Vortex 020 7254 4097; **28 JUL Vidya Patel & Shammi Pithia** River Stage, National Theatre **FREE** 020 7452 3000; **KOKOKO!** Hangar 0871 220 0260; **Sudha Ragunathan** The Bhavan 020 7381 3086; **28-29 JUL Nashville Meets London** Canada Square Park **FREE** [nashvillemeetslondon.com](http://nashvillemeetslondon.com); **29 JUL Ceilidh Liberation Front**

River Stage, National Theatre **FREE** 020 7452 3000; **Madhumita Ray** The Bhavan 020 7381 3086; **Shikha Khare** The Bhavan 020 7381 3086; **30 JUL Joseph Tawadros** Proms at Cadogan Hall 020 7730 4500; **31 JUL Prom 23: Havana Meets Kingston** RAH [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com); **BaianaSystem + Flavia Coelho + Prince Fatty** Village Underground 0871 220 0260; **JM y Juanin: Los Cracks del Puerto** Vortex 020 7254 4097; **31 JUL-4 AUG World Shakuhachi Festival** Goldsmiths University [wsf2018.com](http://wsf2018.com); **1 AUG Kosmos Ensemble** St Mary's Church, Rotherhithe [tunedin.london](http://tunedin.london); **1-18 AUG Carmen La Cubana** Sadler's Wells [saddlerswells.com](http://saddlerswells.com); **2 AUG Judy Collins** Cecil Sharp House 020 7485 2206; **3 AUG Prom 27: Folk Music around Britain & Ireland** RAH [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com);

**Urmi Chakraborty** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **Grand Union Orchestra** Vortex 020 7254 4097; **Dance Fever: Salsa** Cabot Square **FREE** [canarywharf.com](http://canarywharf.com); **4-5 AUG Roberto Fonseca** Ronnie Scott's 020 7439 0747; **8 AUG Pooja Angra & Karan Rana** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **9 AUG Grupo Niche** Troxy 0844 249 1000; **Vanessa da Mata KOKO** 0844 4771000; **Ahsan Ahmed Khan** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **10 AUG Baba Zula** Jazz Cafe 020 7485 6834; **Dance Fever: Bollywood** Cabot Square **FREE** [canarywharf.com](http://canarywharf.com); **11 AUG Uday Bhawalkar** Golders Green Unitarian Church [dhrupadmusic.org.uk](http://dhrupadmusic.org.uk); **13-14 AUG Chico Trujillo** Jazz Cafe 020 7485 6834; **17 AUG Dance Fever: Jive** Cabot Square **FREE** [canarywharf.com](http://canarywharf.com); **18 AUG Josue Ferreira: The Complete João Gilberto** Jazz Cafe

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020 7485 6834; **20 AUG Lokkhi Terra Jazz Cafe** 020 7485 6834; **22 AUG Klezfest Dance Party** JW3 [jmi.org.uk](http://jmi.org.uk); **The Turbans + Don Kipper** Jazz Cafe 020 7485 6834; **23-24 AUG Antonio Forcione Quartet** Ronnie Scott's 020 7439 0747; **24 AUG Ozomatli KOKO** 0871 220 0260; **Neeraj Arya's Kabir Cafe** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **Dance Fever: Tango** Cabot Square **FREE** [canarywharf.com](http://canarywharf.com); **25 AUG London Soukous Music Festival** Rich Mix [richmix.org.uk](http://richmix.org.uk); **Youssou N'Dour & Le Super Étoile de Dakar** indigo at The O2 0844 856 0202; **Roby Lakatos Trio** Ronnie Scott's 020 7439 0747; **25-27 AUG Notting Hill Carnival** **FREE** [nhcarnival.org](http://nhcarnival.org); **27-28 AUG Seun Kuti & Egypt 80** Jazz Cafe 020 7485 6834; **28 AUG SR Veeraraghavan** Nehru Centre 020 7493 2019; **30 AUG The Fitzgeralds** Cecil Sharp House 020 7485 2206; **31 AUG Prom 65a: Youssou N'Dour & Le Super Étoile de Dakar** RAH 020 7589 8212; **1 SEP London Folk Festival** Cecil Sharp House [londonfolkfestival.co.uk](http://londonfolkfestival.co.uk); **Neeraj Arya's Kabir Cafe** The Bhavan 020 7381 3086; **4 SEP Prom 70: Tango Prom** RAH [royalalberthall.com](http://royalalberthall.com)

## SOUTH

**19-22 JUL Larmer Tree Festival** Salisbury [larmertreefestival.co.uk](http://larmertreefestival.co.uk); **20 JUL Bollywood Brass Band** Theatre Royal, Winchester 01962 840440; **20-29 JUL IF: Milton Keynes International Festival** [ifmiltonkeynes.org](http://ifmiltonkeynes.org); **21 JUL Fontwell Folk Festival** Fontwell Park Racecourse, Arundel [fontwellpark.co.uk](http://fontwellpark.co.uk); **False Lights** West End Centre, Aldershot 01252 330040; **22 JUL Jim Causley** Tumbling Weir Hotel, Ottery St Mary 01404 813041; **Kitty Macfarlane** The Blue Ball, Sampford Moor 01823 660857; **23 JUL John Kirkpatrick** Chesham Folk Club 01494 785593; **Jackie Oates** Chichester Folk Song Club 01243 781866; **26-29 JUL Camp Bestival** Lulworth Castle [campbestival.net](http://campbestival.net); **WOMAD Charlton Park**, Malmesbury [womad.co.uk](http://womad.co.uk); **27-28 JUL Beer & Bluegrass Festival** Victoria School, Poole [beerandbluegrass.co.uk](http://beerandbluegrass.co.uk); **29 JUL The Drystones** Collett Park Café, Shepton Mallet [collettparkcafe.com](http://collettparkcafe.com); **31 JUL Vishtën** Ropetackle, Shoreham-by-Sea 01273 464440; **2 AUG The East Pointers** Ropetackle, Shoreham-by-Sea 01273 464440; **2-5 AUG Wickham Festival**

[wickhamfestival.co.uk](http://wickhamfestival.co.uk); **3 AUG Flower-Corsano Duo + The Plank** The Portland Arms, Cambridge [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com); **3-5 AUG Together** Chiltern Hills [awamutogether.co.uk](http://awamutogether.co.uk); **Valley Fest** Chew Valley Lake [valleyfest.co.uk](http://valleyfest.co.uk); **3-10 AUG Sidmouth FolkWeek** [sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk](http://sidmouthfolkweek.co.uk); **9-11 AUG Fairport's Cropredy Convention** Banbury [fairportconvention.com](http://fairportconvention.com); **9-12 AUG Boomtown** Matterley Estate, Winchester [boomtownfair.co.uk](http://boomtownfair.co.uk); **10-12 AUG Dartmoor Folk Festival** South Zeal [dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk](http://dartmoorfolkfestival.org.uk); **10-17 AUG Broadstairs Folk Week** [broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk](http://broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk); **11-19 AUG Bath Folk Festival** [bathfolkfestival.org](http://bathfolkfestival.org); **16-19 AUG**

**Tribal Earth Summer Festival** Loughton Lodge, Lewes [tribalearth.co.uk](http://tribalearth.co.uk); **Purbeck Valley Folk Festival** [purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk](http://purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk); **17-19 AUG Beautiful Days** Escot Park, Ottery St Mary [beautifuldays.org](http://beautifuldays.org); **18 AUG Michael McGoldrick, John McCusker & John Doyle** Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury 01227 769075; **Michael Messer's Mitra** The Bear Club, Luton [the-bear.club](http://the-bear.club); **19 AUG Klezmer-ish** Norden Farm, Maidenhead 01628 788997; **22 AUG Meikhàneh** The Art House, Southampton 023 8023 8582; **23-27 AUG Cornwall Folk Festival** Wadebridge [cornwallfolkfestival.com](http://cornwallfolkfestival.com); **24-27 AUG Oxford Storytelling**

**Festival** Waterperry House & Gardens [oxfordstorytellingfestival.co.uk](http://oxfordstorytellingfestival.co.uk); **Into the Wild Summer Festival** Chiddinglye, West Hoathly [intothewildgathering.com](http://intothewildgathering.com); **Towersey Festival** Thame Showground [towersefestival.com](http://towersefestival.com); **24-28 AUG Small World Summer Gathering** Headcorn [smallworldsolarstage.org](http://smallworldsolarstage.org); **25-27 AUG England's Medieval Festival** Herstmonceux Castle [englandsmidievalfestival.com](http://englandsmidievalfestival.com); **31 AUG The Churchfitters + Ellie Fountain** Grayshott Folk Club, Hindhead 01428 607096; **31 AUG-1 SEP Michael Messer's Mitra** Ventnor Arts Club 01983 857060; **31 AUG-2 SEP One Love Festival** Gilcombe Farm, Bruton [onelovefestival.co.uk](http://onelovefestival.co.uk)



Ian Bowen

## The California Feetwarmers

**Ragtime, banjo stomps, trad jazz**

This is feel-good, old-time music; close your eyes and you could easily imagine that you've been transported back to 1920s New Orleans with the juicy Dixieland blues and folksy swing this septet conjure up. Their instrumental line-up features sousaphone, banjo and even a washboard and their collaboration with bluesman Keb' Mo' – *BluesAmericana* – won them a Grammy-nomination. Their live shows are great fun – just ask those lucky enough to have caught them at a packed Old Fruitmarket in Glasgow for Celtic Connections in 2015.

**20-21 JUL** Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival 0131 473 2000; **22 JUL** Underneath the Stars Festival, Cawthorne 01226 767872; **24 JUL** The Art Shop & Chapel, Abergavenny 01873 852690; **26 JUL** Rathmullan House +353 (0)74 915 8188; **27 JUL** Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey +353 (0)74 913 1840; **28 JUL** Teach Hiúdaí Beag, Gweedore +353 (0)74 95 31016; **29 JUL** Swell Festival, Arranmore Island [swellfestival.com](http://swellfestival.com)

## WALES & WEST

**19-22 JUL Folk on the Lawn** Tintern Abbey Mill [folkonthelawn.com](http://folkonthelawn.com); **20-22 JUL Sesiwn Fawr Dolgellau** [sesiwnfawr.cymru](http://sesiwnfawr.cymru); **Storytelling Festival at the Edge** Alderford Lake, Whitchurch [festivalattheedge.org](http://festivalattheedge.org); **23 JUL Calan** St David's Hall, Cardiff 029 2087 8444; **26 JUL Hashmat Sultana** The Canteen, Bristol **FREE** 0117 923 2017; **27 JUL Adam Khan & Julian Rowlands** Priory Church, Ewenny 01656 653020; **2-5 AUG The Green Gathering** Piercefield Park, Chepstow [greengathering.org.uk](http://greengathering.org.uk); **7 AUG Darlingside** Thekla, Bristol 08713 100 000; **16-19 AUG Gwyl Pontardawe Festival** [bit.ly/28U7C3I](http://bit.ly/28U7C3I); **24-27 AUG Shrewsbury Folk Festival** [shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk](http://shrewsburyfolkfestival.co.uk); **26 AUG Calan** Cae'r Bryniau, Holyhead 01407 730433.

## MIDLANDS

**20-22 JUL Stainsby Festival** Brunts Fields [stainsbyfestival.org.uk](http://stainsbyfestival.org.uk); **21-22 JUL AfroSalsa Festival** Cambridge [cambridgecubansalsa.co.uk](http://cambridgecubansalsa.co.uk); **26 JUL The Unthanks** South Holland Centre, Spalding 01775 764777; **Sam Carter** Evesham Arts Centre 01386 446944; **26-29 JUL Warwick Folk Festival** Warwick School [warwickfolkfestival.co.uk](http://warwickfolkfestival.co.uk); **27-29 JUL Lunar Festival** Umberslade Farm Park, Tanworth-in-Arden [lunarfestival.co.uk](http://lunarfestival.co.uk); **Southburgh Festival of World Music** Burton Manor Barns [southburghfestival.co.uk](http://southburghfestival.co.uk); **28 JUL Yoruba Sonnets** St Mary's Church, Birmingham 07846 325482; **2-5 AUG Cambridge Folk Festival** [cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk](http://cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk); **3 AUG Mehmet Aslan** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham 0121 444 2081; **3-5 AUG Nottingham Riverside Festival** Victoria Embankment **FREE** [bit.ly/2tBH5B7](http://bit.ly/2tBH5B7); **7 AUG Roberto Fonseca** Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh 01728 687110; **8 AUG Kevin Dempsey** Bedworth Folk Club, Nuneaton 024 7634 5568; **Darlingside** Leicester Guildhall 0116 253 2569; **11 AUG Pulkit Sharma & Prabhat Rao** mac, Birmingham 0121 446 3232; **17-19 AUG Moira Furnace Folk Festival** [moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk](http://moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk); **FolkEast** Glemham Hall, Woodbridge [folkeast.co.uk](http://folkeast.co.uk); **19 AUG Leicester Mela** City Centre **FREE** [leicester-mela.co.uk](http://leicester-mela.co.uk);



Julien Bourgeois

## Imarhan

**Touareg besties**

This band of friends – their name translates as 'The Closest Ones' – are the youngsters of the Touareg rock scene. While their sound might be related to the granddaddies of the desert groove, Tinariwen (Eyadou Ag Leche of Tinariwen is even the cousin to Imarhan frontman Iyad Ag Ibrahim, aka 'Sadam'), you can expect a more youthful and diverse take on the typical Touareg desert blues sound, with more moods, rhythms and styles. Their live shows are ecstatic, raucous and not to be missed!

**28 AUG** The Haunt, Brighton 0871 220 0260; **30 AUG** End of the Road Festival, Salisbury [endoftheroadfestival.com](http://endoftheroadfestival.com); Clwb Ifor Bach, Cardiff 029 2023 2199; **31 AUG** Smugglers Festival, Deal [smugglersrecords.com](http://smugglersrecords.com); **31 AUG** Moseley Folk Festival, Birmingham [moseleyfolk.co.uk](http://moseleyfolk.co.uk); **4 SEP** Village Underground, London 0871 220 0260; **5 SEP** Brudenell Social Club, Leeds 0113 275 2411; **7 SEP** District, Liverpool 0871 220 0260; **8 SEP** Band on the Wall, Manchester 08452 500 500; **10 SEP** Thekla, Bristol 08713 100 000.

**Bradgate Park Folk Picnic** Leicester [bradgatepark.org](http://bradgatepark.org); **22 AUG Altan** Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh 01728 687110; **23-26 AUG Shambala Festival** Northamptonshire [shambalafestival.org](http://shambalafestival.org); **24-27 AUG Greenbelt** Boughton Estate, Kettering [greenbelt.org.uk](http://greenbelt.org.uk); **30 AUG Jon Boden & the Remnant Kings** Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh 01728 687110; **Youssou N'Dour** Symphony Hall, Birmingham 0121 780 3333; **31 AUG Abdullah Ibrahim** Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh 01728 687110; **31 AUG-2 SEP Moseley Folk Festival** Birmingham [moseleyfolk.co.uk](http://moseleyfolk.co.uk)

[musiconthemarr.com](http://musiconthemarr.com); **20-22 JUL SummerTyne Americana Festival** Sage Gateshead [sagegateshead.com](http://sagegateshead.com); **Underneath the Stars** Cinderhill Farm, Cawthorne [underthestarsfest.co.uk](http://underthestarsfest.co.uk); **21 JUL Rumba: Cuban & Congolese Community Day** Sacred Trinity Church, Salford **FREE** [amanicreatives.wordpress.com](http://amanicreatives.wordpress.com); **Daóiri Farrell** The New Headingley Club, Leeds 0113 245 5570; **21-22 JUL Manchester Mega Mela** Platt Fields Park **FREE** [manchestermela.co.uk](http://manchestermela.co.uk); **22 JUL GemArts Mini Mela** Live Theatre, Newcastle upon Tyne **FREE** [gemarts.org](http://gemarts.org); **26-29 JUL Hull Folk & Maritime Festival** Marina and Old Town [visithullandeast.yorkshire.com](http://visithullandeast.yorkshire.com); **28 JUL The Unthanks + The Young'uns + The Wilsons** Sage Gateshead 0191 443 4661; **Monster Ceilidh Band** Sage Gateshead Concourse **FREE** 0191 443 4661; **3-5 AUG The Lake District Folk Weekend** [staveleythelakedistrictfolkweekend.com](http://staveleythelakedistrictfolkweekend.com); **10-12 AUG Saltburn Folk Festival** Saltburn-by-the-Sea [bit.ly/2LHXr74](http://bit.ly/2LHXr74);

## NORTH

**MON-SAT UNTIL 7 SEP** Aeon's: **A Sound Walk Along the River Tyne** Newcastle upon Tyne **FREE** [getnorth2018.com](http://getnorth2018.com); **19-22 JUL Music on the Marr** Castle Carrock

**11-19 AUG Billingham International Folklore Festival of World Dance** [billinghamfestival.co.uk](http://billinghamfestival.co.uk); **18-24 AUG Whitby Folk Week** [whitbyfolk.co.uk](http://whitbyfolk.co.uk); **19 AUG Square Roots Festival** Sir Nigel Gresley Square, Doncaster **FREE** [creativedoncaster.com](http://creativedoncaster.com); **23-26 AUG Cottingham Folk Festival** [cottinghamfolkfestival.co.uk](http://cottinghamfolkfestival.co.uk); **24-26 AUG Solfest** Tarnside Farm, Aspatria [solfest.org.uk](http://solfest.org.uk); **24-27 AUG Folk on the Dock** Albert Dock and Liverpool Waterfront [folkonthedock.com](http://folkonthedock.com); **25 AUG Django's Legacy: Paulus Schäfer & Gary Potter** Music Room, Liverpool 0151 709 3789; **26-27 AUG Newcastle Mela** Exhibition Park **FREE** [newcastlemela.co.uk](http://newcastlemela.co.uk)

## SCOTLAND

**18-21 JUL Hebcelt** Stornoway [hebceltfest.com](http://hebceltfest.com); **21 JUL Vishtën** Tolbooth, Stirling 01786 274000; **26-29 JUL Southern Fried Festival**



## Alistair McCulloch Trio

### Scottish folk power trio

Featuring Alistair McCulloch on fiddle, Aaron Jones on *bouzouki*, guitar and vocals and Marc Duff on whistles, this trio blend traditional Scottish music and contemporary sounds. Each musician is well-respected within the Scottish folk scene – McCulloch is the fiddle instructor at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Jones is a former Instrumentalist of the Year in the Scot Trad Awards and plays with Old Blind Dogs and Kate Rusby, and Duff is a former member of Gaelic heavyweights Capercaillie – but together they have become known for their boisterous live shows.

**24 JUL** Abbotsford Hotel, Ayr 07876 142627; **25 JUL** Aros, Portree 01478 613750; **26 JUL** Old Bridge Inn, Aviemore **FREE** 01479 811137; **27 JUL** Tigh an Eilean, Shieldaig **FREE** 01520 755251; **29 JUL** Speyfest, Fochabers [speyfest.com](http://speyfest.com); **30 JUL** Ceilidh Place, Ullapool 01854 612103; **31 JUL** Melness Community Centre, Tongue 07815 105073; **28 AUG** The Old Church Studio, Thropton [coquetdalemusictrust.com](http://coquetdalemusictrust.com); **29 AUG** Riddell Fiddles, Selkirk [sheila@riddellfiddles.co.uk](mailto:sheila@riddellfiddles.co.uk); **31 AUG** McCosh Hall, Kirkmichael 01292 288235; **1 SEP** Mossblown Community Centre 01292 288235; **2 SEP** Lendalfoot Community Hall 01292 288235; **5 SEP** Applecross Inn, Strathcarron **FREE** 01520 744262; **6 SEP** Plockton Village Hall 01599 544706; **7 SEP** Ardross Community Hall, Alness 01349 880591; **8 SEP** Carnegie Hall, Portmahomack 07547 589762.

Perth [horsecross.co.uk/southern-fried-festival](http://horsecross.co.uk/southern-fried-festival); **27 JUL Folk Night at The Depot** Edinburgh [facebook.com/folknightatthedepot](http://facebook.com/folknightatthedepot); **27-29 JUL Speyfest** Fochabers [speyfest.com](http://speyfest.com); **2-4 AUG Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival** Belladrum Estate, Beaulie [tartanheartfestival.co.uk](http://tartanheartfestival.co.uk); **3-12 AUG Fringe by the Sea** North Berwick [fringebythesea.co.uk](http://fringebythesea.co.uk); **3-27 AUG Edinburgh International Festival** [eif.co.uk](http://eif.co.uk); **8-12 AUG Mull of Kintyre Music Festival** Campbeltown [mukfest.com](http://mukfest.com); **13-19 AUG Piping Live!** Glasgow [pipinglive.co.uk](http://pipinglive.co.uk); **14 AUG Rachel Newton** The Ceilidh Place, Ullapool 01854 612103; **17-19 AUG Innerleithen Music Festival** Tweed Valley [innerleithenmusicfestival.org](http://innerleithenmusicfestival.org); **25 AUG Niteworks** The Art School, Glasgow [musicglue.com](http://musicglue.com); **26 AUG Niteworks** Summerhall, Edinburgh

0131 560 1580; **27 AUG I'm With Her** Mareel, Shetland 01595 745500; **28 AUG I'm With Her** The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh 0131 668 2019; **31 AUG-2 SEP Kelso Folk Festival** [kelsofolkfest.org](http://kelsofolkfest.org); **1-2 SEP Edinburgh Mela** Leith Links [edinburgh-mela.co.uk](http://edinburgh-mela.co.uk)

## IRELAND (REPUBLIC & NORTHERN)

**7-29 JUL Earagail Arts Festival** Donegal [eaf.ie](http://eaf.ie); **19-22 JUL Soma Festival** Castlewellan [somafestival.com](http://somafestival.com); **20 JUL Sharon Shannon** De Barra's, Clonakilty +353 (0)23 883 3381; **22-29 JUL Fiddlers Green Festival** Rostrevor [fiddlersgreenfestival.eu](http://fiddlersgreenfestival.eu); **2-5 AUG Ballyshannon Folk & Traditional Music Festival**

[ballyshannonfolkfestival.com](http://ballyshannonfolkfestival.com); **8-13 AUG Feakle Festival** [feaklefestival.ie](http://feaklefestival.ie); **10 AUG RTÉ Concert Orchestra with Seán Keane** NCH, Dublin +353 (0)1 417 0000; **11 AUG RTÉ Concert Orchestra with Paddy Keenan, Frankie Gavin & Dermot Byrne** NCH, Dublin +353 (0)1 417 0000; **12-19 AUG Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann** Ennis [fleadhcheoil.ie](http://fleadhcheoil.ie); **14 AUG Sugarloaf Mountain: An Appalachian Gathering** NCH, Dublin [nch.ie](http://nch.ie); **14-19 AUG Marble City Sessions** Kilkenny [kilkennyarts.ie](http://kilkennyarts.ie); **15 AUG Maya Youssef** NCH, Dublin +353 (0)1 417 0000; **17 AUG RTÉ Concert Orchestra with Zoe Conway & John McIntyre** NCH, Dublin +353 (0)1 417 0000; **22-26 AUG Masters of Tradition** Bantry [westcorkmusic.ie](http://westcorkmusic.ie); **23-26 AUG**

**Dunmore East Bluegrass Festival** [discoverdunmore.com](http://discoverdunmore.com); **25-27 AUG Doolin Craft Beer & Roots Festival** [doolinfestivals.ie](http://doolinfestivals.ie); **26 AUG Belfast Mela** Botanic Gardens [belfastmela.org.uk](http://belfastmela.org.uk); **Bluegrass Picnic** Ward Park, Bangor **FREE** [openhousebangor.com](http://openhousebangor.com)

## TOURS

### Amadou & Mariam

**New album, La Confusion**  
**20 JUL** Concorde 2, Brighton 01273 673311; **21 JUL** RFH, London 0844 875 0073; **27 JUL** Lunar Festival, Solihull [lunarfestival.co.uk](http://lunarfestival.co.uk); **28 JUL** WOMAD, Malmesbury 0845 146 1735; **10 AUG** Boomtown Fair, Winchester 0844 870 0000.

### Blazin' Fiddles

**From the Highlands and Islands**  
**21 JUL** HebCelt, Stornoway [hebceltfest.com](http://hebceltfest.com); **24-25 AUG** The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh 0131 668 2019; **29 AUG** Eden Court, Inverness 01463 234234; **30 AUG** Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen 01224 641122; **31 AUG** The Albert Halls, Stirling 01786 473544; **1 SEP** Perth Concert Hall 01738 621031; **2 SEP** The Old Fruitmarket, Glasgow 0141 353 8000.

### The California Feetwarmers

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### D & F Bros Grand Indian Circus

**Jaw-dropping and mind-boggling acrobatics from Indian troupe**  
**21 JUL** Caldmore Community Garden, Walsall 07871 813252; **27-29 JUL** Camp Bestival [campbestival.net](http://campbestival.net); **30 JUL** Bridport Arts Centre 01308 424204; **3-5 AUG** Bestival [bestival.net](http://bestival.net); **11 AUG** The Lowry, Salford 0870 787 5780; **16 AUG** Bradford Mela **FREE** [bradford.gov.uk](http://bradford.gov.uk); **25 AUG** The Big Feastival, Kingham [thebigfeastival.com](http://thebigfeastival.com); **26 AUG** Belfast Mela [belfastmela.org.uk](http://belfastmela.org.uk)

### Flats & Sharps

**Bluegrass band from Penzance**  
**27 JUL** The Watering Hole, Perranporth 01872 572888; **28-29 JUL** Port Eliot Festival, St Germans [porteliotfestival.com](http://porteliotfestival.com); **10 AUG** Green Note, London 020 7485 9899; **11 AUG** Broadstairs Folk Week [broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk](http://broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk); **23 AUG** Otterton Mill 01395 568521; **24 AUG** Cornwall Folk Festival, Wadebridge [cornwallfolkfestival.com](http://cornwallfolkfestival.com); **31 AUG-2 SEP** Didmarton Bluegrass Festival [didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk](http://didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk)

**The Hot Seats**

**Sizzling stringband from Virginia** 26-28 JUL Beer & Bluegrass Festival, Poole [beerandbluegrass.co.uk](http://beerandbluegrass.co.uk); **1 AUG** The Atkinson, Southport 01704 533333; **2 AUG** Kilbarchan Performing Arts Centre 01505 550550; **3 AUG** The Tin Hut, Gartly 01466 720234; **4 AUG** CatStrand, New Galloway 01644 420374; **5 AUG** St Cuthbert's House, Seahouses 01665 720456; **7 AUG** Fringe by the Sea, North Berwick [fringebythesea.com](http://fringebythesea.com); **8 AUG** The Art Shop & Chapel, Abergavenny 01873 852690; **9 AUG** Burnett's Hill Chapel, Martletwy 01646-680511; **10 AUG** The RAFA Club, St Davids [tickettailor.com](http://tickettailor.com);

**11 AUG** Square & Compass, Worth Matravers 01929 439229.

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**Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys**

**Old-time music, modern energy** 26 JUL Cecil Sharp House, London 020 7241 8957; 27 JUL Southern Fried Festival, Perth 01738 621031; 28 JUL Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington 01367 820282; 29 JUL Warwick Folk Festival [warwickfolkfestival.co.uk](http://warwickfolkfestival.co.uk); 30 JUL Widcombe Social Club, Bath [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); 31 JUL

Burnett's Hill Chapel, Martletwy 01646 621530; **1 AUG** Ropetackle, Shoreham-by-Sea 01273 464440; **3 AUG** Cambridge Folk Festival 01223 357851; **4 AUG** Wickham Festival [wickhamfestival.co.uk](http://wickhamfestival.co.uk); **5 AUG** Sidmouth FolkWeek 01395 577952; **10 AUG** Merlin Theatre, Sheffield 07958 332858; **11 AUG** Boomtown Fair, Winchester [boomtownfair.co.uk](http://boomtownfair.co.uk)

**Alistair McCulloch Trio**

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**Siobhan Miller**

**Songs from a new album, Strata** 12 AUG Festival 2018, Glasgow

[festival2018glasgow.com](http://festival2018glasgow.com); **13 AUG** [+ Elephant Sessions + WHYTE] The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh 0131 668 2019; **16 AUG** The Kitchen Garden Café, Birmingham 0121 443 4725; **17 AUG** Purbeck Valley Folk Festival [purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk](http://purbeckvalleyfolkfestival.co.uk); **18 AUG** Torphichen Folk'n'Ale Festival [torphicheninn.net](http://torphicheninn.net); **24 AUG** Marymass Festival, Irvine [irvinefolkclub.org.uk](http://irvinefolkclub.org.uk); **1 SEP** Moseley Folk Festival, Birmingham [moseleyfolk.co.uk](http://moseleyfolk.co.uk)

**Damien O'Kane & Ron Block**

**Two superb musicians**

**21 JUL** Underneath the Stars Festival, Cawthorne 01226 767872; **25 JUL** The Crescent, York 01904 622510; **26 JUL** Guildhall Arts Centre, Grantham 01476 406158; **27 JUL** The Live Room, Saltaire 01274 585140; **28 JUL** Kings Place, London 020 7520 1490; **31 JUL** King'skerswell Parish Church, Newton Abbot 0871 220 0260; **1 AUG** Old Bakery Studios, Truro 01872 278804; **4 AUG** Scanlon's Members Club, Birmingham 0121 707 3095; **5 AUG** Cambridge Folk Festival 01223 357851.

**Peatbog Faeries**

**Scottish folk with punk attitude**

**2 AUG** Stramash, Edinburgh 0131 623 4353; **3 AUG** Lowdham Village Hall 0115 966 3596; **4 AUG** A New Day Festival, Faversham [anewdayfestival.com](http://anewdayfestival.com); **5 AUG** Cambridge Folk Festival 01223 357851; **6 AUG** Ropetackle, Shoreham-by-Sea 01273 464440; **8 AUG** Festival 2018, Glasgow [festival2018glasgow.com](http://festival2018glasgow.com)

**Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band**

**An explosion of sound and colour**

**20 JUL** Bluedot Festival, Jodrell Bank [discoverthebluedot.com](http://discoverthebluedot.com); **21 JUL** Grow Festival, Corby [FREE](http://free) 01536 470470; **27-29 JUL** Camp Bestival, Lulworth Castle 020 3327 4810; **30 JUL** Bridport Arts Centre 01308 424204; **3-5 AUG** Bestival, Lulworth Estate [bestival.net](http://bestival.net); **16 AUG** Bradford Mela [FREE](http://free) [bradford.gov.uk](http://bradford.gov.uk); **25 AUG** Burnley Canal Festival [FREE](http://free) [burnleycanalfestival.org](http://burnleycanalfestival.org); **26 AUG** Belfast Mela [belfastmela.org.uk](http://belfastmela.org.uk); **2 SEP** Ipswich Multicultural Day [FREE](http://free) [ipswich.gov.uk](http://ipswich.gov.uk)

**Rising Appalachia**

**From Atlanta via New Orleans**

**11 AUG** Boomtown Fair, Winchester [boomtownfair.co.uk](http://boomtownfair.co.uk); **14 AUG**



Stephane Najman

**Le Vent du Nord**

**High-energy folk from Québec**

Over 17 years, eight albums and an impressive 1,800 live shows, this Québécois group – recently expanded to a quintet – have been keeping the French-Canadian tradition alive. Their sound is a mixture of whirling hurdy-gurdy, fiddle, *bouzouki*, Jew's harp and mandolin, all of which supports their superb call-and-response vocals. An engaging live band, Le Vent du Nord are summer festival favourites and are well worth seeing again and again and again...

**10 AUG** Fairport's Cropredy Convention, Banbury [fairportconvention.com](http://fairportconvention.com); **11 AUG** Ropetackle, Shoreham-by-Sea 01273 464440; **12 AUG** Settle Victoria Hall 01729 825718; **13 AUG** [+ Julie Fowlis] Leith Theatre, Edinburgh 0131 629 0810; **14 AUG** Eden Court, Inverness 01463 234234

St Swithin Church, Norwich 01603 660352; **16 AUG** Bush Hall, London 0871 220 0260; **17 AUG** Thekla, Bristol 08713 100 000; **19 AUG** Beautiful Days, Ottery St Mary [beautifuldays.org](http://beautifuldays.org)

**Stick in the Wheel**

**Folk from the Essex badlands**

**21 JUL** Music on the Marr, Castle Carrock 01228 670329; **29 JUL** Port Eliot Festival, St Germans [porteliotfestival.com](http://porteliotfestival.com); **4 AUG** [day] Cambridge Folk Festival 01223 357851; [evening with Haiku Salut] The Old Barn, Bath [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); **5 AUG**

Nottingham Riverside Festival 0115 915 5555; **6 AUG** Sidmouth FolkWeek 01395 577952; **11 AUG** Broadstairs Folk Week 01843 604080.

**Eli West**

**Brilliant roots artist from Seattle**

**27-28 JUL** Southern Fried Festival, Perth 01738 621031; **29 JUL** Quay Arts Centre, Newport 01983 822490; **1 AUG** Square & Compass, Worth Matravers 01929 439229; **2 AUG** [+ Amythyst Kiah] St Mary's Music Hall, London [stmarysmusicall.co.uk](http://stmarysmusicall.co.uk); **3 AUG** Valley Fest, Chew Valley Lake [valleyfest.co.uk](http://valleyfest.co.uk); **4 AUG** Sidmouth FolkWeek 01395 577952.



Eis Ribeiro

**Renata Rosa**

**Brazilian singer and rebecca player**

*Rebeca* player Renata Rosa has become one of the foremost performers of north-eastern Brazilian music. The *rebeca* is a rustic fiddle that is associated with *forró*, *ciranda*, and *coco* music. She learned the instrument from master musician Seu Luiz Paixão and she soaks herself in tradition, while also bringing a bit of the vitality of the big city (São Paulo) to her music. Her third album, *Encantações*, was a Top of the World in #125, and this tour offers a rare chance to catch this spectacular musician live.

**24 JUL** Exeter Phoenix 01392 667080; **26 JUL** [+ Hyphae] St Mary's Music Hall, London [stmarysmusicall.co.uk](http://stmarysmusicall.co.uk); **27 JUL** Cambridge Junction 01223 511511; **29 JUL** WOMAD, Malmesbury 0845 146 1735; **3 AUG** The Blue Lamp, Aberdeen 01224 647472; **8 AUG** Universal Hall, Findhorn 01309 690110; **9 AUG** Cottiers, Glasgow 0141 357 5825; **10 AUG** Edinburgh Festival Fringe [edfringe.com](http://edfringe.com)

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The JigDoll Ensemble

Sheelanagig

Lady Maisery \* Phillip Henry

Bella Hardy \* Gilmore & Roberts

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