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PRESS RELEASE

Edward II
8pm, Wednesday 25 November 2009



After a 10 year absence, acclaimed folk roots act Edward II return to the stage to coincide with the launch of their new album 'Edward II: The Definitive Collection'. Edward II return to Aberystwyth on Wednesday 25th November, 8pm.

Splicing dance tunes of old England with the sunny sexy grooves of reggae and lovers' rock, Edward II transcended superficial notions of 'crossover' to forge a truly original synthesis from their far-flung musical roots. Featuring a seven-piece line up that saw melodeon and sax, fiddle and trombone nestling snugly cheek-by-jowl, their repertoire strolled expansively from reworked folk standards like 'Wild Mountain Thyme' or 'La Russe' to Caribbean classics like Gregory Isaacs 'Night Nurse'. They were long renowned as one of the freshest, funkier acts on the circuit. They sent crowds from Shetland to Sri Lanka, Brazil to Bangladesh into a jigging, skanking frenzy with their superlative live shows.

With a workaholic touring schedule resulting in over 200 gigs a year Edward II won rave reviews across the UK and Europe, US, Canada and further a field. There is no doubt that they stand securely among the UK's most exciting roots pioneers. 2009 see the return of Edward II for one year only. A handful of selected dates through the year will see the band return to their live roots after a decade apart.

Tickets for this performance are £14 (£12.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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