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PRESS RELEASE



Four Thousand Winters

Joglaresa

7.30pm Saturday 28 November 2009

Joglaresa are joined by storyteller Sally Pomme Clayton for their performance - **Four Thousand Winters** - at Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm.

Four Thousand Winters presents stories and songs from the Northwestern fringes of Europe – tales of polar bears, princesses, snow, darkness, frost, firesides, love, trickery and some happy endings...

"One of the country's most highly regarded storytellers... Sally awakens the imagination "
THE INDEPENDENT

"Thrilling and haunting "
THE TIMES

Directed by Belinda Sykes, Joglaresa is a British/Israeli/Irish/Arabic ensemble has been playing since 1990. Now well-established, they are particularly interesting for the way in which they imaginatively push, and often transcend, the limits of what is often thought of as early music.

Their work focuses on connecting ancient and traditional music but, rather than create a 'fusion' or a surreal mix of these styles, they aim to use their combined experiences (upbringings drenched in traditional Irish, English, Maghrebi, Balkan and Middle Eastern music) to create a homogenous sound - Joglaresa members spent years in North Africa and the Middle East absorbing the best traditional tunes.

Their performances include the Aldeburgh Festival, York Early Music Festival, London's Lufthansa Festival, the Queen Elizabeth Hall (London), St David's Hall (Cardiff), London's Barbican Centre, Sana'a & Aden (Yemen), Brezice Early Music Festival (Slovenia), Istanbul, Amsterdam International Festival of Jewish Music, Chinchilla Early Music Festival; tours in Germany, Belgium, Italy and Holland. Numerous radio broadcasts - the world over...

This performance is suitable for adults and children of 8 years and older. Tickets for this performance are £8 (£7) Cardi Card £7.50 (£6.50) 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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Belinda Sykes - voice, director
Sally Pomme Clayton - storyteller
Tim Garside - seljefløyte, kantele, percussion
Jean Kelly - cláirseach
Dermot Crehan - Hardanger fiddle, Irish fiddle

<http://www.joglaresa.com/photos.htm>

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