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Canolfan y Celfyddydau
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Bellowhead

8pm, Sunday 31 January

Bellowhead returns to Aberystwyth Arts Centre on
Sunday 31 January, 8pm.



Wild, joyous, perverse, bold, crazed, full-blooded, intricate, fearless, funny, epic and mostly BIG. The mighty 11-piece Bellowhead are the best thing to have happened to British music for a very long time. They have played everywhere from Glastonbury to The Big Chill. Winners of numerous Awards, including an unparalleled 3 from the BBC for 'Best Live Act', Bellowhead recently raised the roof headlining the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall and then went on to entertain more than 40,000 people at Proms in the Park. They are currently band in residence at the Southbank Centre in London.

***'Wild, joyous, perverse, bold, crazed, full-blooded, intricate, fearless, funny, epic and mostly BIG... Bellowhead don't disappoint. Prepare to be amazed..'* – fRoots**

Bellowhead are the brainchild of the acclaimed and award-winning folk duo Jon Boden and John Spiers (also of Eliza Carthy and The Ratcatchers). Including a wonderful brass section to beef up a traditional acoustic core, Bellowhead features a stunning array of instruments; from fiddles and concertinas to frying pans, bouzoukis and banjos to flugelhorn and tuba and oboes to wind-up toys! Not to mention fine vocals.

***'The sound of 44 limbs in pursuit of countless more possibilities.'* - The Times**

The group continue to push the boundaries of traditional roots music with an ever increasing fan-base that includes the West Coast's Red Hot Chili Peppers and the West Country's Frank Skinner. Bellowhead collectively uniquely merge folk, music hall, disco, jazz, sea shanties and world music influences with dashes of English Music Hall and cabaret. Their latest album, *Matachin*, hurtles along on an exhilarating journey filled with tales of whiskey, the high-seas, and they even manage to pull off songs about cholera and the Cold War. Not many bands have the chutzpah to take on such a staggering range of songs or manage them with such enthusiasm and skill.

Deeply rooted in the English folk dance tradition, Bellowhead merge a joyous, uplifting cacophony of sound that's an inspiring and exciting collision. Their brassy, big band sound has taken roots music into areas few have previously dared to tread, and landed 5 star rave reviews. But best-selling recordings aside it is in their energetic, theatrical live shows that they truly shine, whipping audiences into a euphoric frenzy that has already been responsible for the destruction of two festival dance floors.

***'One of the most kick-ass live bands around'* - Observer Music Monthly**

Tickets for this performance are £16, Cardi Card £14 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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