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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Aberystwyth Arts Centre

**The Wilders**  
**8pm, Tuesday 11 May**

Festival favourites The Wilders - the 'hillbilly hurricane from Kansas City, Missouri' - make a triumphant return to thrill capacity crowds again following a sell-out run of Welsh dates last year. The Wilders return to Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm.

2009 was a big year for the band, with appearances at major festivals across Europe, three of which led to nationwide exposure on BBC TV.

The white-hot four-piece returns in the Spring for a month of dates in Ireland and Wales, fresh from their latest by-invitation visit to MerleFest in North Carolina – one of the biggest and best Stateside roots music events which is attended each year by 80,000 music lovers. Since first taking Doc Watson's huge musical jamboree by storm back in 2004, they have been invited back every year to build on their reputation there as event show-stealers.

Their latest CD (their fourth), *'Someone's Got To Pay'*, produced by the legendary Dirk Powell, won the Best Alt.Country Album category in last year's Independent Music Awards, while the track, *'Hey, Little Darlin'* carried off the Best Americana Song title in the same event.

One of the most highly-charged acts on the circuit, the band has continued to build a huge following on both sides of the Atlantic winning quotes such as: "They generate the kind of tunes that should by rights leave vapour trails" and "If this were old Salem, they'd be burned at the stake. They play like they're possessed."

Playing storming roots-of-country and old-time with an essence of early rockabilly attitude, they deliver a blistering fiddle/banjo/guitar/dobro/slap bass hoedown, playing music that's infectious and smile-inducing.

Tickets for this performance are £9 (£8.50) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at [www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre](http://www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre)

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