



Birkin Tree

4.0

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4.0 celebrates the fortieth anniversary of BIRKIN TREE, since 1982 unquestionably the best Irish music group in Italy. The album also marks the start of the collaboration with the Scottish singer and guitarist Tom Stearn. An album with a full and deep Irish sound, distinguished by the spaciousness and elegance of the arrangements, the skill of soloists and by the presence of two voices that sing together demonstrating great interplay. Excellent Irish guests : concertina player Caitlin nic Gabhann and fiddler Ciaran O'Maonaigh on two tracks. The love for Irish music and the skill of execution create stories, colors and atmospheres that underline the richness and depth of a timeless musical repertoire.

4.0 celebrates the fortieth anniversary of the best Irish music band in Italy and at the same time marks a milestone in the history of BIRKIN TREE's artistic project, which over the years has been renewed in terms of personnel and content and is now firmly projected into the future. The musicians have further deepened their study, research and reflection on the musical language of the Irish tradition thanks to intense collaborations in recent years with some of the most important artists in Irish Trad such as Martin Hayes, Mick O'Brien, Tola Custy, Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciaran O'Maonaigh.

4.0 also marks the start of the collaboration between Birkin Tree and Scottish singer and guitarist Tom Stearn, whose presence on the album is substantial both in quantity (he appears on six of the ten tracks) and quality (his contribution is fundamental in redefining the group's sound). An album with a full and deep Irish sound, distinguished by the spaciousness and elegance of the arrangements, the skill of soloists and by the presence of two voices that sing together a part of the repertoire, demonstrating great interplay.

The repertoire alternates between instrumental pieces and songs from the Irish and Scottish traditions, compositions by some of the most important authors of the contemporary Irish repertoire, and new original compositions by flautist Michel Balatti. The album also includes the presence of two distinguished Irish guests, concertina player Caitlin nic Gabhann and fiddler Ciaran O'Maonaigh, who appear on two tracks. The love for Irish music and the skill of execution create stories, colors and atmospheres that underline the richness and depth of a timeless musical repertoire.

Miembro del grupo

Claudio De Angeli	bouzouki, banjo
Fabio Rinaudo	uilleann pipes
Laura Torterolo	acoustic guitar, lead vocals, backing vocals
Luca Rapazzini	fiddle, backing vocals

Michel Balatti flutes, whistles

Artista invitado

Caitlin Nic Gabhann concertina

Ciaran O' Maonaigh fiddle

Fabio Biale piano

Tom Stearn nylon string guitar, lead vocals, backing vocals

Tracklist

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| 1. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn: Paddy's Rambles Through The Park | 11:02 |
| 2. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn: Erin On The Rhine | 05:44 |
| 3. | Birkin Tree: Sister Reel | 05:21 |
| 4. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn and Caitlin Nic Gabhann: Edward On Lough Erne's Shore | 06:09 |
| 5. | Birkin Tree: Three Deer And A Hare | 05:56 |
| 6. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn and Caitlin Nic Gabhann: Mountains of Pomeroy | 05:54 |
| 7. | Birkin Tree/Caitlin Nic Gabhann and Ciaran O Maonaigh: Elevated | 07:43 |
| 8. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn and Fabio Biale: Land O' the Leal | 06:26 |
| 9. | Birkin Tree: O'Rourke's | 06:29 |
| 10. | Birkin Tree/Tom Stearn: Bonny Light Horseman | 06:18 |