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Alistair Anderson

Music of Northumberland and Beyond

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Alistair Anderson's involvement with music was inspired by childhood friend and future Boys of the Lough member Dave Richardson, who played blues harmonica. Acquiring a guitar and teaching himself six chords, Anderson was soon able to accompany Richardson. In the 60's he taught himself to play his father's mandolin which he gave up for the concertina. He was then influenced by the bagpipe playing of Billy Pigg and went on to develop a unique, melodic style. One of the founder members of the High Level Ranters till 1979 he began to play the Northumbrian smallpipe in 1974.

As a touring soloist, with no less than 37 tours of the USA, 5 trips to Australia and countless European tours to his credit, Alistair Anderson is internationally acknowledged as the master of the English Concertina and a fine exponent of the Northumbrian Pipes. He delights audiences with traditional music from Northumberland and beyond, as well as his own music, which has grown out of his love of these traditions.



Reviews:

“His appeal as a musician lies not only in his remarkable handling of the English Concertina and Northumbrian Pipes. It is also a result of his total involvement in his music, his absolute sincerity, which succeeds in reaching a far wider audience than his classification as a folk musician would suggest.” - **The Stage**

“The pleasure comes chiefly from the excellence of the playing; that particular delight which comes from anything superbly done. The concertina emerges as a flexible and sensitive instrument; in the hands of a player of Anderson's quality it is amazing what it can achieve.” - **The Guardian**

“He remains one of this country's most majestic and inclusive instrumentalists” - **Colin Irwin fROOTS March 2010**

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