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New CD “Fréamh ; Root” and Music Network Tour

The Ger Wolfe Quartet with musicians Edel Sullivan (fiddle), Kevin Murphy (cello), Paul Frost (bass) and Richard Lucey (button accordion) tour Ireland this Spring in promoting ‘Fréamh; Root’, Ger’s latest CD - a beautiful collection of new music in Irish and English. Music transcends all barriers including language and this music soars beautifully.

“Fréamh ; Root” is bi-lingual and contains new songs and traditional style tunes Ger composed as part of a project in Spring 2009 (ó Béal guth Bhéal) where he worked in the Múscaí Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area of Cork, gathering anecdotes and stories from older people in the community as material for new songs.

The songs themselves range from the gentle lullabies ‘Seothín is seothó’ and ‘Rainbird’ to the almost music hall ‘Galar Cam is muc’ and the evocative ‘Three Girls Dancing’ and also homages to two local saints Naomh Fionnbarra and Naomh Ghobnait. Tune-wise there are unexpected newly written polkas and reels and a slow air called ‘Imirce’ (emigration) which would bring tears to a stone.

This album manages to capture something very special about the lives of the older generations and another era in Irish life, featuring excellent arrangements from the previously mentioned quartet of musician’s and also special guest Fiona Kelleher (vocals), each adding their own musical magic to this beautiful recording.

The album is produced by Raggedy Records with the support of Foras na Gaeilge.

The “Fréamh; Root” tour is presented with funding support from Music Network’s Performance and Touring award.

AS GAEILGE

Fréamhacha nua don Mactíre

Tá an cumadóir Ger Wolfe ar bóthair arís an t-Earrach seo le banna ceoil iontach darbh ainm “The Ger Wolfe Quartet” ag céiliúradh seoladh don dlúth dhíosca nua “Fréamh; Root”.

Ina láthair ar an turas tá Edel Sullivan (fidil), Kevin Murphy (dord beag-cello), Richard Lucey (bosca ceoil) agus Paul Frost (dord mór-bass).

Chum Ger an ceol seo I rith togra speisialta darbh ainm “ó Bhéal guth béal” I dtosach na bliana 2009. Do chaith Ger tréimhse ama le seanóirí Gaeltacht Mhúscaí, áit fíor álainn I gContae Chorcaí. Bhí sé i láthair mar ealaíontóir cónaithear feadh trí mhí leis na seanóirí-iad siúda fhreastalaíonn ar na hIonad lae ach go háirithe-ag éisteacht lena gcuid cainte agus ag bailiú a gcuid scéalta. As an idirmhalartú seo, bhí neart ábhar cumadóireacht aige chun crot nuálach a chur ar na scéalta seo I bhfoirm ceoil agus amhránaíochta comhaimseartha.

Do chuir gach éine dos na gceoiltoirí ainmnithe cheanna féin agus an aoí speisialta Fiona Kelleher (an t-amhránaí) a gcuid draíocht féinig isteach san cheoil ar an dlúth dhíosca iontach seo.

Tá “Fréamh; Root” déanta le táchaíochta ó bhForas na Gaeilge agus

Tá an turas á cuir i láthair le táchaíochta ó Music Network Performance agus Touring Award.