

PRESS RELEASE

Capercaillie

GRACE AND PRIDE

The anthology 2004 - 1984

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Britain's leading Celtic band, Survival Records release on the 13th September, the double CD anthology "Grace and Pride". The album has 38 tracks taken from each of the band's 15 albums, including previously unreleased, ultra rare and long deleted tracks.

Throughout their career Capercaillie have drawn on two great strengths to inspire them. The first of these is the astonishing musical dexterity of the various fiddle, whistle, flute and pipe players who have performed with them over the years, lead by the accordion and keyboards of band founder Donald Shaw. The other foundation of the band has been the peerless voice of co-founder Karen Matheson, described by Sean Connery as having "a throat that is surely touched by God". Universally recognised as one of the finest Gaelic singers alive today, Karen's exquisite voice has been at the centre of the band's music, whether breathing new life into 400-year old Gaelic songs or bringing her luscious vocals to the band's contemporary compositions.

There have been many milestones for a band who have sold over a million albums world wide. These include three silver and one gold album in the UK, the first Gaelic Top 40 single, writing the music for, and appearing in the Hollywood movie "Rob Roy", and performing in over thirty countries including Iraq, Macedonia and the Sudan.

Capercaillie have been credited with being the major force in bringing Celtic music to the world stage, and their unique fusion of Gaelic culture and contemporary sound has always stretched boundaries in their quest to keep the music evolving.

On "Grace and Pride" the track listing follows the band back in time from last year's "Choice Language" to their debut release in 1984 "Cascade", taking in every album they have released along the way. This is a fascinating journey through the creative evolution of one of Scotland's and roots music's most enduring and successful bands.

It is a mighty long way from Oban High School to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon in Baghdad, but Capercaillie have made this journey and stopped off at many other exotic locations along the way. However, their greatest achievement has been to mould a central strand of their Gaelic heritage into a fresh, new sound, capable of reaching out to the ears and hearts of people all over the world. "Grace and Pride" is a celebration of this.



Release date:-
13 September 2004
Record label:-
Survival Records
Catalogue No:-
SURCD 030
Distribution:-
Pinnacle

Karen Matheson

will be on tour in September/October:

- Sept 21 - The Stables, Milton Keynes 8pm
Box Office 01908 280 800 Tickets £15
- Sept 22 - Robin 2, Wolverhampton 7.30pm
Box Office 01902 401 211 Tickets £13.50 (£12.50 adv.)
- Sept 23 - Norwich Arts Centre 8pm
Box Office 01603 660 352 Tickets £14/£12concs.
- Oct 2 - Eastgate Arts Centre, Peebles 7.30pm
Box Office 01721 725777 Tickets £10/£9concs.
- Oct 8 - Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock 8pm
Box Office 01563 554 900 Tickets £10/£8concs.
- Oct 9 - The Lemon Tree, Aberdeen 8pm
Box Office 01224 642 230 Tickets £13/£9concs.
- Oct 10 - Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline 7.30pm
Box Office 01383 314 000 Tickets £14
- Oct 13 - Eden Court, Inverness 8pm
Box Office 01463 234234 Tickets £12/£10concs.
- Oct 14 - The Tolbooth, Stirling 7.30pm
Box Office 01786 274 000 Tickets £15
- Oct 15 - Smarden Village Hall, nr Ashford, Kent 8pm
Box Office 01233 770 628 Tickets £13



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