

Multi award winning singer Emily Smith is a leading figure of the Scottish folk scene. For over a decade she has been entertaining audiences all over the world with her blend of traditional and original songs. Unshakeably Scottish but with farther, wider horizons, Emily's music sees time worn texts weave beautifully alongside contemporary material, blurring the borders of old and new. Emily's beautiful voice eases tired ears and lifts souls with its simple beauty. She also plays accordion and piano.

Emily has released seven studio albums, her most recent album release 'Songs For Christmas' (released Dec 16) featured several original songs, one of which, 'Find Hope', was selected as part of the BBC Radio 2 official December playlist.

Emily has performed and recorded with many musical greats from the Scottish folk scene and beyond including Barbara Dickson, Richard Thompson, Eddi Reader, Jerry Douglas and Beth Nielsen Chapman.

Television appearances include BBC Four's Transatlantic Sessions, BBC One's Songs of Praise, BBC Scotland's Hogmanay Live and BBC Ulster's 'Santer'.

Her long term musical collaborator, and husband, Jamie McClelland has accompanied her throughout her career on guitar and fiddle and in recent years produced several of her albums. Originally from New Zealand, Jamie moved to Scotland in 2002 to further his career and initially joined Emily's band line up on fiddle.

2017 sees Emily and Jamie celebrate 15 years of making music together. Touring as a duo they are performing newly written material drawing inspiration from folk, roots and Americana.

Emily's career began when she was named BBC Radio Scotland's Young Traditional Musician of the Year back in 2002. The accolades continued as she won the USA Songwriting Competition in 2005, Scots Singer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards in 2008, two nominations in the 2012 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards (Folk Singer of the Year & Best Traditional Track) and in December 2014 she won 'Scots Singer of the Year' at Scots Trad Music Awards, for the second time in her career. Her 2014 album release 'Echoes' also received a nomination for 'album of the year'.

From village halls in the back of beyond to some of the world's finest concert halls, Emily has toured all over the world from Cambridge Folk Festival all the way down to the National Folk Festival in Australia, via Europe, Russia, Japan, North America and New Zealand.

"The sincerity in Emily's singing is simply entrancing"

R2 *****

"Virtually every number was a highlight"

The Scotsman ** (Live Review, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh)**

"A perfect mainstream folk album"

Americana UK

"Bursting with joy and talent"

The Telegraph ****

"The freshest sounding folk album in an age"

Sunday Express ****