

## "Exceptional Celtic Music Maestros" World Music Central



### **rynne | barou | lunny** : about the trio

Multi-instrumentalist and trailblazer Dónal Lunny is one of the greatest Irish musicians alive. For this trio, he joins forces with Padraig Rynne the experimental virtuoso of the concertina and Sylvain Barou on flutes, who has pushed the boundaries of Breton music like no other.

When these three influential leading lights of the Irish and Celtic music tradition came together in 2012 it created such a level of excitement that audiences have since flocked to see their select performances at venues and festivals such as Lorient, Sidmouth and the National Concert Hall Dublin.

Having received outstanding reviews for their debut album 'Triad' (see below), the trio are now one of the most in demand Irish groups at present. Their live sets are an intimate and breath-taking dive into the Irish Tradition via Brittany, Eastern Europe and the world of folk. Their compelling range of traditional and rearranged tunes are a swirling intoxicating brew of traditional dance, hop and slip-jig sets, slow reels and melodies, all sitting harmoniously alongside newly composed contemporary pieces written by the musicians.

**donal lunny** A gifted guitar and bouzouki player, composer and producer, Donal Lunny is the figurehead of Irish Traditional Music and a household name in the Celtic music scene. He has been at the forefront of the evolution of Irish Traditional Music for more than 35 years and is popularly regarded as having spearheaded its renaissance over the last three decades. Since the seventies Donal has founded legendary seminal Irish bands Planxty, The Bothy Band, Moving Hearts, Coolfin and recently Mozaik. Much sought after in studio, he has produced albums for artists such as Kate Bush, Baaba Maal, Paul Brady, Elvis Costello, Mark Knopfler, Rod Steward, Fairground Attraction, Indigo Girls and Clannad.

**padraig rynne** Described as "one of the freshest sounds in Irish music" by Froots, Pádraig Rynne is a virtuoso musician, prolific composer and is regarded as the finest concertina player in Irish music today. Having studied music, media and performance technology and with his passion for experimenting with diverse genres Padraig is recognized for his re-freshing explorations into the Irish Tradition. His band work includes, founder of the ground-breaking Irish-Breton band Guidewires and recently formed experimental band Notify; which received outstanding album reviews in 2013.

**sylvain barou** Brittany's Sylvain Barou is considered the best traditional flute player of his generation; pipes and tin whistles. Having played mainly Irish and Breton traditional music, Sylvain has performed and recorded with foremost artists such as Guidewires, Altan, Guichen, Alain Genty, Jacques Pellen, Erik Marchand, Dan Ar Braz, Gilles Le Bigot, Andy Irvine and Mairtin O'Connor. A leading figure in the Breton "fest-noz" scene, Sylvain is also involved in several world music projects with artists such as tabla player Trilok Gurtu and Crete's Stelios Petrakis (lyra, saz, laouto).

## reviews

*"It's a powerful unit, perfectly emphasising the music's collective strength and vitality. File under compellingly powerful."* **fRoots**

*"One of the finest recordings of contemporary folk from the Celtic lands...engaging, virtuosic and beautifully melodic...this outstanding album belongs in your collection."* **World Music Central**

*"The trio joust with pelvis-shattering rhythms and unearth some deliciously delicate melody lines. At their best, Triad dig deep, expressing the sensual essence of tunes."* **The Irish Times**

*"Three of the best, no doubt about it...exotic melodies, hypnotic rhythms, all the ingredients of world-class acoustic music."* **Irish Music Magazine**

*"An invigorating listen...one which showcases these musical bedfellows at something approaching their best."* **Living Tradition**

*"The music throughout is beautifully nuanced in its delivery...really awe inspiring...they deliver an album that will stand the test of time."* **Trad Connect**

*"...a grooving 21st century roots album of Celtic provenance.... the promise is held from the first few notes to the very end."* **Folkworld**

## links

Video [Live on BBC2's Imeal Gael](#)

Audio [soundcloud](#)

Websites [Rynne Barou Lunny Trio website](#)

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