

MUSIC AND SONGS OF SCOTLAND

JOANNE MCIVER & CHRISTOPHE SAUNIÈRE

PRESENTATION

One of the most beautiful voices in Scotland, Joanne McIver, takes us to the Isle of Arran where she grew up, to sing about her homeland. She composes and plays the Scottish smallpipes, Highland pipes, flute, and tin whistles. Her exceptional vocal timbre elevates the music of her island, which she carries well beyond its borders.

Christophe Saunière, a virtuoso harpist, has played in the principal symphonic orchestras in France and Europe.

An authentic journey, a rare emotion...





THE ARTISTS

Joanne McIver

Joanne McIver hails from the Isle of Arran in the south-west of Scotland. She began learning the bagpipes at the age of six and played for twelve years with the Arran pipe band. Additionally, she learned the flute and continued her studies at the University of Glasgow, specialising in composition.

She has performed over 1000 concerts, and has shared the stage with artists such as Pierre Perret and Alan Stivell, performing at the Olympia in Paris and the National Theater of Brittany in Rennes. She was invited to play with the Paris Orchestra in the Salle Pleyel, as a solo piper at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, at the Paris Philharmonic concert hall and the Grand Théâtre de Lorient for the Interceltic Festival.

Joanne was also the subject of a documentary for France 3 in 2017 called "Scotland, Land of Legends."

She is the piper for the British Embassy in Paris and has written a collection of 80 tunes for Scottish bagpipes.

She is a prolific composer of songs and music and also writes stories about the magical world of the Scottish islands...



Christophe Saunière

Talented and reputed harpist, Christophe Saunière, has an unusual and eclectic musical background. Having played principal harp in many renowned orchestras (Paris Orchestra, Toulouse Orchestra, Philharmonic of Radio France, National Orchestra of Lyon, Bordeaux-Aquitaine...), he later became the harpist for the Scottish National Orchestra. He subsequently rediscovered his Celtic roots while touring in Europe, Russia, Japan, and the USA.

Now in France, he focuses on the compositions of Joanne McIver, as well as jazz, classical, and world music whilst also playing bass guitar and drums in various bands. He has played in major contemporary European music ensembles. Christophe is also highly sought after as a studio musician, whether for film soundtracks or French and international variety music.

Christophe has recorded around one hundred CDs!



THE DUO

vocals, Scottish smallpipes, Highland bagpipes, flutes : **Joanne McIver**
harp : **Christophe Saunière**



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