



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

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Hello to all our friends everywhere from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

Over our many years of touring, we have met countless people. So many of our fans have become friends and as close as family. In truth, every person we have met and touched through our music has a place in our hearts. Please know that we love you and are praying for your health and safety.



Wood Stork eating a fish in Florida



Sandhill Cranes in Florida



Wild Trillium in Alabama



Blue flowers on our hike





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So much has changed in such a short time.
The effect of this invisible virus is profound.
The World as we knew it, just a short time ago, will never be the same.
Though there is great fear and uncertainty, we can Love life now.
Though we are in isolation, we can love each other more.
Though we must be distant, we can be compassionate and kind.
May our hearts and minds find comfort in music, beauty and gratitude.

AN UPDATE ON OUR SITUATION:

2020 CONCERTS & IRELAND TOURS: As of mid-March all our concerts in Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio have been cancelled. We also have cancelled our 2020 Ireland Tours. Hopefully, by July we will be able to resume touring.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS: Being full-time itinerant musicians has it's blessings and the greatest blessing of all is our Friends. Many of you have reached out and sent tidings of concern and support and even offered us a place to stay during this time. We are truly grateful and humbled by your love and feel so blessed by your offers of help.

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED: Here is a sweet story about one such friend named Rose Anderson. We met Rose about 4 years ago at the Luna Star Cafe in North Miami, Florida. She came to hear our concert there and we talked after our show. She offered us a place to stay, if we ever needed it, and signed up on our mailing list. Little did we know how that day would change our lives.

Not only did Rose host us when we played in the Miami area this year, but when the Corona Virus outbreak started she contacted us and offered her 2nd home in Kansas as a refuge and that is where we will be staying until it is safe to travel again. We are grateful beyond words to Rose for her generosity and help. Here is a photo of Rose's Cottage:





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THE SHOW MUST GO ON.... Our Musical and the creative spirits are alive and well and it is our plan to record pieces and share them online. In the meantime, here is a YouTube that was recorded by the Chattanooga Times Free Press as part of their Music Wednesdays Show back in November 2019.

The YouTube is about 40 minutes long. Hope you enjoy.

Four Shillings Short performs for Music Wednesday:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-oQYmSgl6o>

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT: BUY TWO CD'S GET ONE FREE

We know that many of you already have purchased our CD's at our concerts but if you would like to help us out, you can always buy CD's. They make great gifts and can help to lift people's spirits. We have a special deal - Buy 1 CD for \$10 or Buy 2 CD's for \$20 and get 1 free. Postage not included.

Please email us to order CD's: fourshillingsshort@gmail.com

We have the following CD's available:

Icons and Imagery (2019):

Recorded live in the San Francisco Bay Area, our 13th CD includes many beautiful pieces: Anam Cara (with poetry by John O'Donohue), Medicine Wheel by Kate Wolf, two Indian Ragas on the Sitar, Irish songs: Galway Bay, Eileen Og, Waves of Immigration (based on City of Chicago), James Connolly, and 3 original songs.

Blow Ye North Winds Blow (2015):

Celebrating the Celtic Wheel of Time from Harvest to Spring, this album was recorded live at Immersive Studios in Boulder, Colorado. It features 2 Sitar pieces Raga Shri and Raga Bhairavi combined with an Irish chant, Gabhaim Molta Bhride, original song Blow Ye North Winds Blow, seasonal songs Welcome in another Year, Bold Orion on the Rise, Harvest Gypsies, Spring, The Ditchling Carol, Irish tunes on Hammered Dulcimer and some great sing-a-longs Drop in the Bucket and One More Banjo Laid Down.

Music for the Mass in Irish (2011):

Music for the Mass in Irish is a live Choral CD composed by four different Irish Composers for the Catholic Mass. The music is sung in Gaelic by a 20 voice choir with Pipe Organ, Harp, Fiddle, Tinwhistle and Hammered Dulcimer accompaniment. This recording consists of 7 pieces from Sean O'Riada's first Mass, Ceol an Aifrinn (1968), 4 short pieces from Aifreann Phadraig Naofa by Fr. Pat Ahern (Siamsa Tire) (1984), 5 pieces from Aifreann Cholmcille by Tomas O'Canainn (1978) and 2 pieces composed by Aodh Og O'Tuama.

Pass It On – Live in Boulder Colorado (2010):

Recorded live in June 2010 at Immersive Studios in Boulder, Colorado, this CD includes a new song written by Christy about forgiveness and compassion called Pass It On. This live recording captures the beauty and depth of the sound of Four Shillings Short in concert. It includes 11 tracks with new songs and instrumentals, 2 new Sitar pieces, Raga Ali Kalyan and Raga Megh, and a duet with Bowed Psaltery's.



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Icing on the Lake (2005):

Our first compilation CD is the "Icing on the Lake" of our first 2 Albums. Included are many favorites (O Susannah, Wayfaring Stranger, Peace in Erin, Coach Road Set) along with many of the San Francisco Bay Area's finest Celtic, Folk and Jazz musicians on acoustic and electric guitar, bass, drums, cello, fiddle, bagpipes, flamenco guitar, steel drums and harp. It's a very high energy and fun album.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

If you want to help us but don't really need any CD's, feel free to get in touch and we'll let you know how you can help. Or if you'd like to send a donation, you can send a check to:

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Thank you for any help you can lend at this time.
Your friends in Music and Love,
Christy & Aodh Og
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