



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

June, 2020

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Greetings to our friends all over the World from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

We hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe. We have been enjoying our time in Sedan, Kansas (in Splendid Isolation, as Aodh Og puts it). Since we are unable to perform concerts, we've found a new routine of walking down a local country road and, to our delight as birders and nature lovers, we have seen some truly amazing wildlife. The photos in this Newsletter are just a sampling. We take a 3 mile walk nearly every day down this road where we've seen migrating birds, turtles, snakes, frogs, and beautiful flowers.



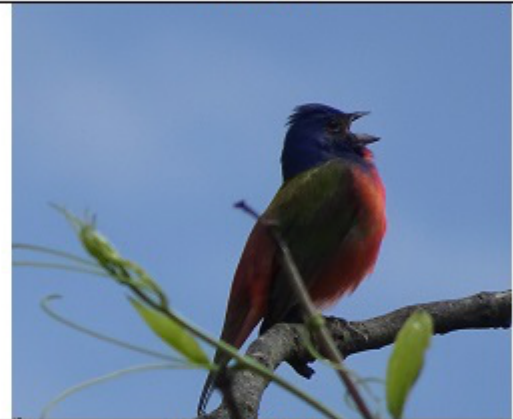
Blue Grosbeak



Dickcissel



Meadowlark



Painted Bunting



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Eastern Kingbird



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Leopard Frog



Garter Snake



Black Rat Snake



Ornate Box Turtle



Baby Snapping Turtle



Painted Turtle Family





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One day, we even came across two Painted Buntings doing the mating dance. . .



And to thank the people of Sedan, we did a Free Outdoor Concert (with Social Distancing)





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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - Concert update:

For the sake of public safety and health all our concerts in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Arkansas have been cancelled July - September. Our online schedule has been updated if you would like further information:

<https://www.4shillingsshort.com>

THANK YOU to all of our friends and fans:

Thank you to all our friends, fans and family who have contacted us this past month, sent us cards, letters and donations and bought CD's to help us. Your generous support is truly appreciated and allows us to pay for our housing and other expenses during this time of uncertainty and loss of income. It seems likely that live performance will be very difficult until there is a vaccine available. In the meantime, we are hoping to do online concerts once we return to the SF Bay area and have access to the programs, technology and bandwidth to record, edit and upload music online.

If you need a Four Shillings Short fix...you can go to our webpage and click on video links from past concerts...

<https://www.4shillingsshort.com/videos>

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 Aifrinne (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.



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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.

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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