



# Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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## Newsletter

August, 2020

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### Greetings to our friends and family everywhere from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

We hope that you and all your family and friends are staying healthy and safe during the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic. So much has happened in the past month that we were unable to get out a July Newsletter...so here's an update.



### THE TROUBADOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES:

We left Kansas the second week of July and made our way back to Cupertino California. Our hearts are full of immense gratitude to Rose Anderson for generously giving us use of her lovely cottage in Sedan, Kansas for over 3 months and to our new friends Sharon and Walt Koontz, who helped us so much while we were staying in Sedan. We will miss the little cottage and the herb garden we planted and the lovely old Oak Tree in front of the house.

We returned to California in mid-July and are now settled in Cupertino, in the San Francisco Bay Area. Thanks so very much to our dear friends Howard & Kazuyo Levitan for welcoming us back to their home and providing us with a safe place to stay.

### ARE YOU FEELING LOW? How about watching a Four Shillings Short Concert?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sjhh3YzVA94>

Video by Joe Lynch of performance at the Ames Public Library in Ames, Iowa on March 19, 2017

**THE STATE OF ART IN THE TIME OF COVID-19:** As we reflect on the enormous change that the Global Pandemic has had on so many people's lives and livelihoods, and especially on those of us in the creative arts, we thought we'd share some of the amazing art that we've been lucky to enjoy.



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### MURALS AT THE WYNWOOD WALLS AND GALLERIES IN MIAMI, Florida



#### JUSTICE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19:

This past month, we lost a one of the great civil rights leaders of our times, Congressman John Lewis. He embodied the courage and commitment that it takes to face injustice and hatred with love, compassion and non-violence. He said "You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light ... Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won."

May we follow his example and do our best to help make the World a better place for all people.

#### SINCE WE AREN'T ABLE TO BE ON TOUR...

We thought we'd share with you some Nature Photos from our previous years of touring.





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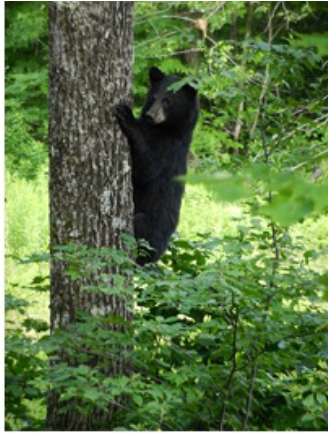
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Baby Black Bear in a tree, White Mountains, NH



Elephant Seal & pup, California Coast



New fawn in Oregon



Moose – Glacier National Park, Montana



Red Bat in Kentucky



Manatees in Florida



Grizzly Bear and Bison, Yellowstone National Park



Elk in Yellowstone





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Pheasant



Kestral in Flight



Barred Owl



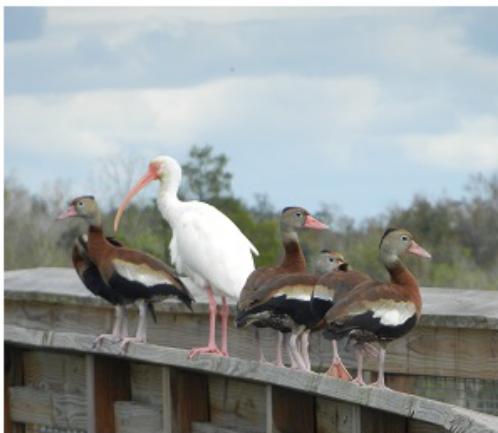
Sandhill Cranes



Tundra Swan



Wood Stork eating a fish



Ibis and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks



Painted Bunting on the Wire





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**GRATITUDE AND MANY THANKS:** 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 keep afloat in this time of uncertainty and loss of income. All our concerts have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Now that we are back in California, we are hoping to put more of our music online.

## FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT: CD SPECIAL:HELP !!!!



We have 14 boxes of CD's and we aren't able to sell them at our concerts because our concerts don't exist anymore....

Please help prevent Aodh Og from having to stand on street corners, paying people to take our CD's away.

**SPECIAL CD DEALS:** Buy 1 CD for \$10 or Buy 3 CD's for \$20 or Buy 4 CD's for \$25 or Buy all 5 for \$30  
Postage not included. Please email us to order CD's and please include your address and phone number.

We will send them in the mail along with an invoice: [fourshillingsshort@gmail.com](mailto:fourshillingsshort@gmail.com)

We have the following 5 CD's available and they make great gifts for friends, family and even your enemies....

What better way to say "I love you" than a Four Shillings Short CD????





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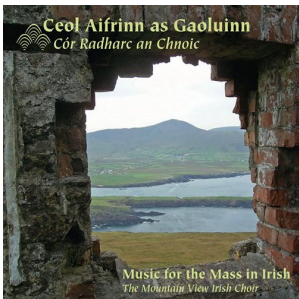
### Icons and Imagery (2019):

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.



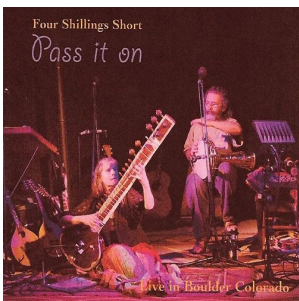
### Blow Ye North Winds Blow (2015):

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 Aifrin (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,



### 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.





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### 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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