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Celtic, Folk and World Music

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**Newsletter**

January, 2021

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**Hello and Happy New Year from Aodh Og and Christy of Four Shillings Short:**



**In 2021 we celebrate 26 years together.....  
(Photo by Linda Federico-O'Murchu)**



**all the beautiful places we perform in,**



**bringing friends on Bus Tours in Ireland,**



**the magical places we visit,**



**the natural beauty we experience,**



**and all the wonderful people we meet.**



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## **SOMETHING SACRED**

(The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)

Something sacred is coming this way.

That is how my ancestors would have said it.

In the midst of all this turmoil and confusion, when we cannot clearly see the path before us, when we feel trapped in a situation we cannot control, then I believe the wise elders of my holy heritage would climb to the high place of the heart, draw the circle of reason and faith around them, and stand to sing their prayers into the open sky of the history to come.

They would not shrink into a corner afraid, but rise up to catch the first light of what was coming into being all around them.

We are living in a time of emergence. We are the witnesses to a great renewal.

The world is full of the fear of birth and change, but that transformation will one day be our blessing.

Do not be afraid, but be believing. Come to the place where the ancestors are already standing.

Come and see. Something sacred is coming this way.

**MANY THANKS:** Looking back on 2020, we feel truly blessed by our family, patrons, friends and fans for the overwhelming support you have showered upon us. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and we pray for your happiness, health and abundance. May 2021 be a year of creativity and inspiration, transformation, new beginnings and renewal, greater cooperation, compassion and kindness everywhere.

With love and blessings, Christy & Aodh Og





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**2021 CONCERTS & IRELAND BUS TOURS:** 2021 will be a very different year for us and probably for everyone on Earth. Live concerts will most likely not resume until late Summer or Fall and chances are they will be outdoor concerts. With this in mind, we plan on broadcasting "virtual concerts" several times this year with re-broadcasts scheduled as well. Our Ireland Bus Tours are on hold for 2021 and we hope to resume them in 2022.

**CHRISTY & AODH OG UPDATE:** Christy is in Louisville, Kentucky helping her mother who underwent hip-reconstruction surgery in late November. She will be staying in Louisville for a couple more months to help her mother recover and rehabilitate. In the meantime, Aodh Og is staying in Cupertino, California at the home of our dear friends and patrons, Howard & Kazuyo Levitan. He is keeping up with the Four Shillings Short email correspondence and working with our Website Master, Tom Neuman, to upload more video's to our YouTube Channel.

**CELTIC WINTER CONCERT RE-BROADCAST:** On November 17, 2020 we had our first "Virtual Concert" and it was a huge success. Over 500 people from around the World tuned in and watched. The comments from the audience were great fun to read and we truly enjoyed the experience. Of course, many people were unable to tune in that day so we will re-broadcast the concert later this month.

**We will re-broadcast our Celtic Winter Concert for 48 hours beginning at 12:00 noon Pacific Standard Time on Saturday January 16, 2021 through 12:00 noon Pacific Standard Time on Monday, January 18, 2021.**

Streamed from The Back Room in Berkeley, California

<https://www.backroommusic.com>

To view the concert, go to the link below.

Free will donations for the concert can be given via the link below

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

## **FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT YOUTUBE CHANNEL:**

Over the past month, we have added lots of new Four Shillings Short videos on our YouTube Channel. Here is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVFypC0CjTqpww/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVFypC0CjTqpww/videos?view_as=subscriber)



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**Grim Reaper Rag** - new funny song we wrote for Samhain/Halloween

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JW-ZB05ENoE>

**A Samhain Wish** -we are joined here by our sister Susannah Martin and some beautiful images that she added to create this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DdVCeXTZJI&t=85s>

**Bumper Sticker Song** -with words of the chorus. Thanks to Susannah Martin for the additional help with graphics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ib2JGC8HJUJ>

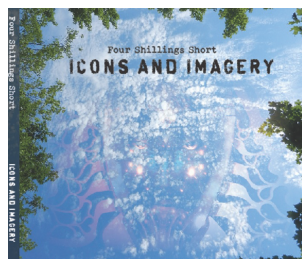
We have 14 boxes of CD's and we aren't able to sell them at our concerts because our concerts don't exist anymore....

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



### 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 Bhríde, 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.



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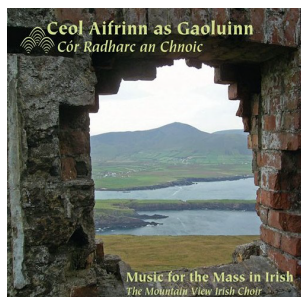
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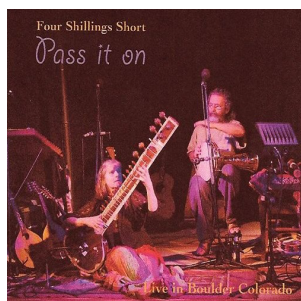
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### **Music for the Mass in Irish (2011):**

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.