



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

www.4shillingsshort.com

Newsletter

August, 2021

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greetings & Harvest Blessings from Aodh Og and Christy to our friends and family everywhere.

LUGHNASADH/ LÚNASA: In the Ancient Celtic Calendar, the month of August or Lúnasa (loo-nah-sah) marks the beginning of the Harvest season and is also one of the 4 Celtic Bonfire Festivals celebrating the beginning of each season: Samhain/Winter, Imbolg/Spring, Bealtaine/Summer & Lughnasadh/Autumn. Traditionally, the Festival of Lúnasa is celebrated at the beginning of August and is named after the Ancient Celtic Sun god Lugh. At this time of celebration, there would be ceremonies and offerings of the "First Fruits" of the harvest and the collecting of seeds for planting in Spring, visits to holy wells, athletic contests, feasting, matchmaking and trading. Lúnasa is a time to express gratitude for the blessings of our Mother Earth and the gifts of food and life that we receive.

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Near Crested Butte, CO



Hiked up to a waterfall



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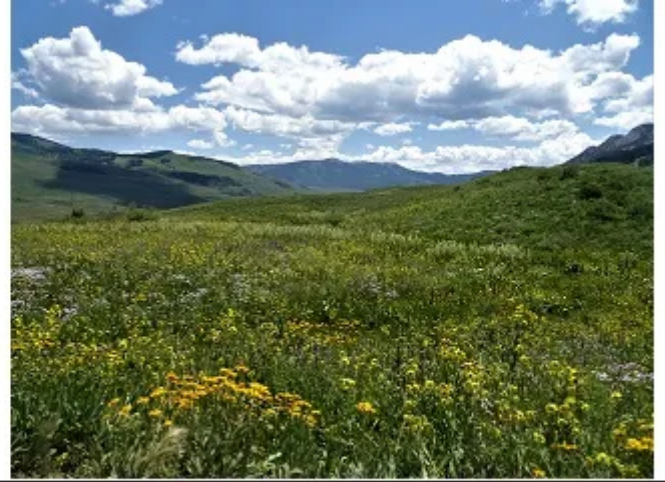
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Waterfall at 10,000ft



Wildflowers in the Rockies



Snow fed streams



Wild Delphinium and Black-eyed Susan flowers

25th ANNIVERSARY MONTH: This August is also a very special month for us, because it is our 25th wedding anniversary. It's amazing to think that we, Four Shillings Short (Aodh Og and Christy), have been together, playing music and touring around the globe for over a quarter of a century. How blessed we both feel to share so many amazing years of the troubadour life, traveling and seeing the beautiful places, making new friends along the way, playing music in big cities and small towns, staying with family & friends and camping. Here are some highlights from the past 25 years....

We've played in outdoor bandshells & parks, theaters & performing art centers, Irish pubs & coffeehouses, libraries & schools, churches, temples and synagogues, hospitals & senior centers, museums & galleries, house concerts and backyards.



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Library Concert in Florida



Green Man Festival in Maryland



Espresso Shoppe Coffeehouse in Nebraska



Orpheum Theater - Upper Peninsula of Michigan

We've played for weddings, birthdays, funerals and memorials, festivals and concert series. Our musical instrument collection & repertoire has expanded over the years. We've been given new instruments, learned new styles of playing and developed new musical programs including: Around the World in 30 Instruments, A Celebration of Ireland, Samhain/Halloween Concert, From Ragas to Cantigas and A Celtic Winter Concert.



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Irish Bus Tours: Since 2016, we partnered with Eirebus in Dublin doing Archaeology, Music and Folklore Tours in Ireland. Many of our friends and family have joined us on these tours and it has been a wonderful adventure for us all. We look forward to leading these tours for many years to come. Here are photos of some of the places we have visited in Ireland.



Trim Castle, County Meath



Thatched Cottages in Adare, County Limerick



Dunmore Ring Fort, County Kerry



Rugged coastline, Dingle Peninsula – Co. Kerry



Drombeg Stone Circle, County Cork



Poul nabrone Dolmen/Portal Tomb, County Clare



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SPECIAL THANKS: To our dear friends in California, New Mexico and Colorado who have given us a place to stay since we started touring again. We're so blessed by your generosity and welcome.

UPCOMING CONCERTS: August concerts in Colorado include Boulder, Lafayette & Fort Collins.

In September we'll be performing in Wyoming (Sheridan, Buffalo, Thermopolis, Basin) and Colorado (Denver area & Salida). We start October with a Benefit Concert for KHEN Community Radio in Salida, CO and then head to New Mexico (Los Alamos, Jemez Springs, Santa Fe, Silver City) and in November & December we will be in Arizona (Lakeside, Cottonwood, Prescott, Sedona, Phoenix, Bisbee).

Please contact us if you want to set up a concert in your town:

fourshillingsshort@gmail.com or (650) 274-1100.

CONCERT DETAILS: Below are the concerts we have booked so far through the end of the year.

This information is also available on our website: <https://www.4shillingsshort.com>

Please let your friends and family know about our upcoming concerts.

With much love and many thanks, Christy & Aodh Og/Four Shillings Short

AUGUST 2021: Colorado

THURSDAY: AUGUST 19, 2021

6:00 – 8:00pm

Celtic, Folk & World Music concert with Four Shillings Short

NYLAND COHOUSING – Pavillion

3525 Nyland Way

Lafayette, CO 80026

<https://www.nylandcohousing.org>

Donation

PRIVATE EVENT

SUNDAY: AUGUST 22, 2021

6:00 – 7:00pm

Celtic Journey's show with Rob Thurlow

619 S. College Ave., #2

Fort Collins, CO 80524

(970) 221-5065 (studio)

<https://www.krfcfm.org>

Pre recorded interview with Four Shillings Short



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FRIDAY: AUGUST 27, 2021 & SATURDAY: AUGUST 28, 2021 @ 6:00PM

BAS BLEU THEATRE'S SUMMER SUNSET FESTIVAL at Wendy Ishii's home

3301 Rawhide Drive

LaPorte, CO

Tickets: \$20

[CLICK here for tickets for FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT](#)

All performances to start at 6:00pm.

Please leave time to find the address and park before the show.

[https://basbleu.org/summer-season-3/?fbclid=IwAR01Nyrx-](https://basbleu.org/summer-season-3/?fbclid=IwAR01Nyrx-0IA1C51MM8CcJKI57Taxepow9AgFfTqIHr4Rnw_CFrA3Y2qRqw)

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Benefit Concert for the Bas Bleu Theatre

SEPTEMBER – Wyoming & Colorado

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

6:00 – 7:00pm

“Around the World in 30 Instruments” concert with Four Shillings Short

FULMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

335 West Alger St.

Sheridan, WY 82801

(307) 674-8585

<https://www.sheridanwyolibrary.org>

Free Family Concert

THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

6:00 – 7:30pm

“Around the World in 30 Instruments” concert with Four Shillings Short

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

171 N. Adams Ave.

Buffalo, WY 82834

(307) 684-5546

<https://www.johnsoncountylibraries.org>

Free Concert for all ages



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SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

6:30 – 8:30pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

700 Boadway

Thermopolis, WY 82443

(307) 864-5183

<https://www.hschistory.org>

Suggested donation: \$10/kids free

Benefit concert for the Hot Springs County Museum

MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

7:00 – 9:00pm

Benefit Concert for The Shack with Four Shillings Short
BASIN CITY ARTS CENTER

117 S. 4th Street

Basin, WY 82410

For more info contact David: theshack180@gmail.com

(307) 765-2190

<https://www.thegreybulshack.org>

Suggested donation: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors & students/kids free

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

4:00 – 6:00PM

“Around the World in 30 Instruments” concert with Four Shillings Short
HOLLY CREEK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

@ Fellowship Hall

5500 E. Peakview Ave.

Centennial, CO 80121

(303) 731-4486

<https://www.hollycreekcommunity.com>

Free Concert & Snacks

OCTOBER 2021: Colorado & New Mexico

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 1, 2021

8:00 – 11am – Sunnyside Up/Riverflow with Jim Lofgren

9:30am: Four Shillings Short perform live

KHEN 106.9fm

123 3rd St.

Salida, CO

(719) 539-1069

<https://www.khen.org>



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FRIDAY: OCTOBER 1, 2021

7:00 – 9:00pm

Benefit Concert for KHEN Radio Station

@ A CHURCH

419 D St.

Salida, CO 81201

(719) 530-1296

Suggested donation \$20.00

Adult Beverages available for a donation

All proceeds go to KHEN

<https://www.achurchsalida.org/>

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 6, 2021

2:00 – 3:00pm – Around the World in 30 Instruments

6:00 – 7:00pm – Celtic, Folk & World music concert

LOS ALAMOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

2400 Central Ave.

Los Alamos, NM 87544

(505) 662-8250

<https://www.losalamoslibrary.org>

Free Family Concerts

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 9, 2021

6:30 – 8:30pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

JEMEZ FINE ART GALLERY

17346 Highway 4

Jemez Springs, NM

(575) 829-3340

<https://www.jemezfineart.com/>

\$20 adults/\$5 children

Benefit concert for Jemez Fine Art Gallery

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2021

7:30 – 9:30pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

TEATRO PARAGUAS

3205 Calle Marie, Suite A

Santa Fe, NM 87505

(505) 424-1601

<https://www.teatroparaguas.org>

\$15 – 10general admission/\$7 seniors & students



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SATURDAY: OCTOBER 30, 2021

7:00 – 9:00pm

A SAMHAIN CONCERT – music, poetry & stories to celebrate the Celtic New Year
with Four Shillings Short

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City

3845 N. Swan St Silver City, NM 86061

For info: (575) 574-2170

<https://www.uufsc.com>

Suggested donation: \$10 Benefit concert for the Social Justice Committee

NOVEMBER 2021: Arizona

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 6, 2021

4:00 – 6:00pm

UNITY OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

257 N. Woodland Rd. Lakeside, AZ 85929

(928) 368-5002 <https://www.unitywm.org>

Suggested Donation: \$10 adults/\$5 low income/kids free

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 13, 2021

A SAMHAIN CONCERT – music, poetry & stories to celebrate the Celtic New Year
with Four Shillings Short and Susannah Martin

7:00 – 9:30pm

OLD TOWN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

633 North 5th St. Cottonwood, AZ 86326 (928) 634-0940

<https://www.oldtowncenter.org>

Tickets: \$20 advance/\$22 door/\$25 priority seating

THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 18, 2021

7:00 – 9:00pm

THE FOLK SESSIONS – 3rd Thursday Concerts

@ the Crystal Ballroom

Elks Performing Arts Center

117 E. Gurley St. Prescott, AZ

Tickets available online: <https://www.folksessions.com>

For more info contact Tom Agostino

tom@folksessions.com

<https://www.prescottelkstheatre.org>

Opening set: The Fare Thee Wells – Tom & Crista Agostino

Beverages available for purchase at the concert



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SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 21, 2021

10am Service

SEDONA UU FELLOWSHIP

@ Jewish Community of Sedona & Verde Valley

100 Meadowlark Dr. Sedona, AZ 86339

(928) 274-5753

sedonauu@gmail.com

<https://www.sedonauu.org>

Four Shillings Short to play music for the service

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 27, 2021(tentative)

FIDDLER'S DREAM COFFEEHOUSE

Phoenix, AZ

DECEMBER 2021: Arizona & California

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 7, 2021

5:00 – 6:30pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert with Four Shillings Short

Copper Queen Public Library

6 Main Street Bisbee, AZ 85603

(520) 432-4232

<https://www.bisbeeaz.gov>

Free Concert for all ages

2021 – 2022: FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - TOUR SCHEDULE

Here's a brief outline of where we're planning on touring from now through 2022

SUMMER 2021 – ROCKIES

AUTUMN 2021 – ROCKIES & SOUTHWEST

WINTER 2021 – SOUTHWEST & CALIFORNIA

JANUARY – MARCH 2022 – CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC NORTHWEST

APRIL 2022 – OCTOBER 2022 – IRELAND

AUTUMN & WINTER 2022 – CALIFORNIA, PACIFIC NORTHWEST, ROCKIES & SOUTHWEST



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BENEFIT CONCERTS: The pandemic year was hard on everyone in so many ways. But in spite of not having any concerts, we were able to stay afloat because of the amazing generosity and support of all of our friends, fans and family. Because of this, we have decided to do as many "Benefit Concerts" in 2021 as possible. If you have a charity for which you would like to raise funds, please contact us to discuss organizing a Benefit Concert.

FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Please check out more Four Shillings Short videos on our YouTube Channel. Here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVFypC0CjTqpww/videos>

Also there are several full length concerts recently added:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeutBhN-ZyU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yHOAlirJS8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4DFAqP4AU&t=11s>



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



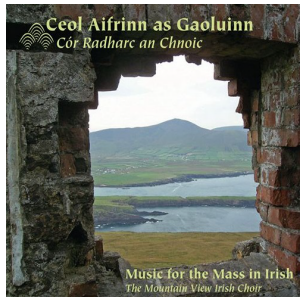
Icons and Imagery (2019):

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.



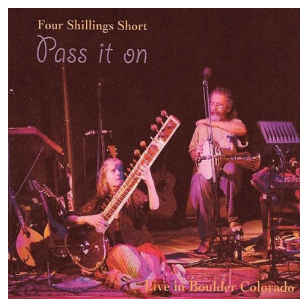
Blow Ye North Winds Blow (2015):

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.