



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

January, 2022

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year from Christy & Aodh Og of Four Shillings Short:



ARIZONA SUNSET – December 2021



CALIFORNIA COAST – January 2022



MALE ELEPHANT SEALS SPARRING



ELEPHANT SEALS & PUPS – San Simeon, California



VERMILLION FLYCATCHER – Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area – McNeal, Arizona



AMERICAN GOLDFINCH (female) Grover Beach, California



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Metamorphosis, Death, Rebirth
Casting off the Auld year
Expelling a long held sigh
Ideals, plans, loved ones
Battered, adrift and lost
Swimming in a sea of nightmarish dreams
Now young and refreshed
Grateful to be released
New life, born on windswept shores
Clashing Water-Titans return
The never ending dance of renewal

WELCOME HOME CONCERT: Four Shillings Short are back in California and like Haley's Comet we are returning again to Palo Alto where the band began back in 1985. To celebrate our homecoming the first concert of the year will be at one of our favorite venues in the San Francisco Bay area - San Gregorio General Store.

JANUARY 16, 2022

1:30 – 4:30pm

SAN GREGORIO GENERAL STORE

Stage Road & Hwy 84

San Gregorio, CA 94074

(650) 726-0565

<https://www.sangregoriostore.com/music/>

Donation

Performance will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Please dress warmly and check website for changes.

2022 - NEW PROJECTS on the Horizon:

Four Shillings Short Webpage: Along with our Webmaster, Tom Neuman, we are working on improving our Webpage to include the following new features:

Digital Downloads of our entire Discography (13 albums) by Track and by Album

Lyrics and Artwork from our Discography

Ireland Bus Tours – information, itineraries and photos

Online Concerts – full concerts performed recently and in the past

Publicity Photos – updated with more recent photos



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Indian Raga Recording Project: As many of you know, Christy's first instrument was the Sitar from India, which she began studying with her Sitar guru, Tony Karasek, a protégé of Ravi Shankar. Over the years, we have received numerous requests for an album of Indian Raga's on the Sitar. We will be working on this project early this year and hope to have the album finished by the Winter of 2022.

Other Recording Project: Over the past 3 years, we have developed lots of new material which we hope to also record. Some of the new pieces we'll record include:

1. The Grim Reaper Rag - 4ss song on mandolin & loads of woodwinds
2. Be Strong Be the Light - 4ss song on mandolin & whistle
3. Titicaca & De Colores - Andean melody on Charango & Spanish song
4. Raga Kirwani - Sitar & drum
5. Raga Yaman Kalyan - Sitar & drum
6. Mary by the Lee – Traditional Irish Song with Sitar, woodwinds, drum & vocals
7. Planxty Fanny Power/Planxty Hewlett - Bowed Psaltery duet, with Recorder
8. Miss Noble Set - on Hammered Dulcimer & Woodwinds
9. Oro mo Bhaidin - Song in Irish with Mandola & Woodwinds
10. Deirin De - Song in Irish with Guitar & Recorders
11. Who Do you Think I am - Song by Sinead Lohan with Banjo & Recorders
12. Ireland Free - Song by John Spillane with Banjo & Tinwhistle
13. Let Justice Roll Down - Song by Aileen Vance with mandolin, tambourine & spoons
14. As the Sun Was Setting Set - Hammered Dulcimer & woodwinds
15. Lord Mayo/Princess Royale/Lord Inchiquin - Hammered Dulcimer & Woodwinds
16. The Maybush Song - 4ss song with bodhran & tinwhistle
17. Zen Gospel Singing - Song by Mark Graham with Bouzouki

Grant Writing Project: Since 2008, Four Shillings Short have presented our multi-cultural educational concert "Around the World in 30 Instruments" at schools, libraries and many other venues. This music enrichment program has received great response from audiences of all ages and we have been encouraged over the years to expand this program. Beginning this year, we will be working with Dr. Gary Lee Nelson, retired professor of Music from Oberlin University in Ohio, who will mentor us in applying for music and educational grants with the objective of creating a multi-media, interdisciplinary "World Music Appreciation" course which we can offer to Primary and Secondary schools.



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LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOPE: 2022 marks our 27th year together as a duo and 25 years of touring!!! Wow...this is an amazing milestone. And though the future does seem a bit uncertain at the present, we both are filled with hope for what lies ahead: Recording, working on our educational program, touring in the US and Ireland and bringing the joy of live music to our friends all over the World.

FULL LENGTH FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT CONCERTS ON YOUTUBE:

Four Shillings Short- S3E2 Music from the New Deal Café, Greenbelt, Maryland:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1_cK6qTXFc

Four Shillings Short performs for Music Wednesday, Chattanooga, Tennessee:

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

BLESSINGS FOR 2022: We truly appreciate all the encouragement and support we have received from our family, friends, fans and patrons and hope that 2022 will be a year of creative innovation, global cooperation & understanding, compassion, mindfulness and gratitude,

Blessings, love and many thanks from Christy & Aodh Og

CONCERTS and COVID: As Covid numbers increase, we are anticipating that many of our upcoming concerts in January, February and March may be cancelled or postponed. Please check in with the venue before you plan on coming to our concerts to receive any updates.

Below are our concert details which are also available online at: <https://www.4shillingsshort.com>

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SUNDAY: JANUARY 16, 2022

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FEBRUARY 2022– CALIFORNIA & OREGON

THURSDAY: FEBRUARY 3, 2022 (POSTPONED)

7:00 – 9:00pm

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR RIVER ARTS

@ Oli Gallery

16215 Main St. #1

Guerneville, CA 95446

(707) 604-7214

<https://www.oligallery.com>

donation \$20

River Arts WEBSITE: riverartsguerneville.org

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 6, 2022

11:00am Virtual Service

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

505 E. Charleston

Palo Alto, CA

(650) 494-0541

www.uucpa.org

WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 16, 2022

7:00 – 9:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

with special guest Kris Yenney

“Cage Free Concert”

@ GRIZZLY PEAK WINERY

1600 E. Nevada St.

Ashland, OR 97520

\$20 cover

Inquiries and reservations (recommended) email: seats@cagefreeconcerts.com

<https://cagefreeconcerts.com>

(For the Time Being, we ask that you be fully vaccinated to attend and remain masked while indoors
- Thank You).



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FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 25, 2022

3 – 4pm

KMUN – COAST COMMUNITY RADIO 91.9fm

ARTS - Live & Local! w/Carol Newman

Astoria, OR

<https://kmun.org>

Four Shillings Short will do a phone interview on the show

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

7:00 – 9:00pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

Charlene Larson Center for the Performing Arts

588 16th Street

Astoria, OR 97103

(503) 338-9132

<https://partnersforthepac.org/calendar/>

General admission: \$15.00

Tickets available online

MARCH 2022 – WASHINGTON & OREGON

MARCH 25, 26, 27

Times to be announced

ROSEBURG SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Douglas County Fair Grounds

2110 Frear Street

Roseburg, OR 97471

THURSDAY: MARCH 31, 2022

5:30 – 7:30pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

CURRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

94341 3rd St.

Gold Beach, OR 97444

(541) 274-7246

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

Free Family Concert



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APRIL 2022 – CALIFORNIA & IRELAND

MAY 2022 – IRELAND

May 13 - 26, 2022: WEST COAST IRELAND BUS TOUR

JUNE 2022 – IRELAND

JULY 2022 – IRELAND

AUGUST 2022 – IRELAND

SEPTEMBER 2022 – IRELAND & CALIFORNIA

Sept 20th return to US from Ireland

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (tentative)

7:00 – 9:00pm

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

3850 Doris Murphy Court

Occidental, CA 95465

(707) 874-9392

Tickets are \$25 GA / \$20 for OCA Members.

Tickets available online at:

<https://www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org/upcoming-events>

OCTOBER 2022 – COLORADO

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 30 & MONDAY: OCTOBER 31, 2022

7:30 – 9:30PM

“A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT – music, stories & folklore to celebrate the Celtic Bonfire Festival of Samhain”

BAS BLEU THEATRE

401 Pine Street

Fort Collins, CO 80524

(970) 498-8949

www.basbleu.org/tickets/

Tickets: \$26 Regular/\$20 Seniors (65+)/\$13, Students

\$6 Low-income (Must show proof, i.e. Medicaid or Quest card)

NOVEMBER 2022 – NEW MEXICO

DECEMBER 2022 - ARIZONA



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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Please check out more Four Shillings Short videos on our YouTube Channel.

Here is the link to our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVFypC0CjTqpww/videos>

In addition, there are loads of YouTubes posted by other people which you can find by searching for "Four Shillings Short YouTube Videos".

Here are just a few of the full length concerts available on YouTube:

Four Shillings Short performs for Music Wednesday - Nov 27, 2019 Chattanooga, Tennessee:

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

Four Shillings Short – Around the World in 30 Instruments:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVvQ0OAH5Do>

Four Shillings Short- S3E2 Music from the New Deal Café, Greenbelt, Maryland:

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Four Shillings Short – Live in San Clemente, California:

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

Four Shillings Short – Live at the Little Fox Theatre, Redwood City, California:

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

Four Shillings Short – Live in Ruidoso, New Mexico

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4DFAqP4AUs&t=11s>



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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

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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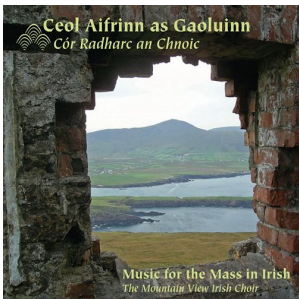
Icons and Imagery (2019):

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.



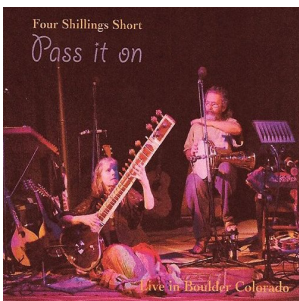
Blow Ye North Winds Blow (2015):

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.