

Johnny Coppin & Mike Silver



You haven't heard a duo until you've heard this one!

Johnny and Mike first met Penzance in the early seventies. Since then their paths have seldom crossed but a chance phone call in late 2004 generated the idea of them playing music together. The two voices are a natural mix and the way they share the songs shows this to be a duo in the truest sense. The combination of Johnny's piano and Mike's guitar gets right to the heart of the listener. This is music from the soul, delivered with powerful conviction by a duo in the truest sense of that word. The delight they take in playing the music is plain to see and their live shows encapsulate a blend of skill and powerful emotion. The commitment from both artists to put the songs first, is manifest and their willingness to work for each other on stage is inspirational.

Their first duo album released a couple of years ago, **Breaking the Silence**, Faymus Recordings FRCD 0101, is collection of 15 songs with an 'unlisted surprise track'. With this recording the duo displays their ability to write together, perform cover versions by other writers as well as enhance the arrangements of each other's compositions. It's the real deal, the complete package.

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Johnny Coppin

"One of the finest voices" - Q Magazine. "Johnny Coppin is one of my favourite singers and songwriters and playing music with him is a joy and a pleasure" - Mike Silver.

Johnny began in the 1970's as one of the founders of the folk-rock band Decameron. Since the band's break-up in 1976, he has pursued a solo career playing arts centres and festivals in Europe and beyond. Johnny has recorded over a dozen albums and these include, *Edge of Day* with poet Laurie Lee, an album of Gloucestershire songs and three Christmas CDs, while his 2005 album, *The Winding Stair*, has been receiving excellent reviews.

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Mike Silver "Hidden gem. Now the secret is out" - Bob Harris.

"I've been a big fan of Mike Silver and his songs for years so it's such an honour and delight to be touring together" - Johnny Coppin

Emerging in the 1970's, Mike was one of the first signings to Elton John's Rocket Records. Since moving on from Rocket, he has played festivals, clubs and arts centres all over Europe and released a good number of albums in the process. In July 2003, Mike's song, "Not a Matter of Pride", from his album **Solid Silver** was added to the play lists of no less than 36 local radio stations up and down the UK and was given extensive rotation on BBC Radio 2 on Terry Wogan's early morning programme.

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