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Stepping out...on the steps!

SAN FRANCISCO-based roots music band The Stairwell Sisters took a step in the right direction with they played an impromptu set for the villagers of Kilbarchan.

The band took time off from rehearsing with dancer John Sikorski for their current Scottish Arts Council Tune-Up tour to entertain locals with an impromptu performance on the steps of the Steeple Hall.

They are due to appear at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Saturday, May 23, as part of the city's annual Americana Music Festival, and also have dates at The Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine on May 22 and the Arts Guild Theatre in Greenock, on May 24, before flying back home for a string of Stateside festivals.

Last time the band was in Scotland two-years ago, they wowed audiences at Glasgow's Celtic Connections event and were hailed as "the find of the festival".

Last week, on the eve of their latest tour, locals in Kilbarchan were treated to the spur-of-the-moment gig after the band threw open the Steeple Hall doors to cool them down.

"They were 'hot' alright", said one young mum whose kids wanted to get up close and join in the summer shindig in the sun.



GIG: The Stairwell Sisters put on an impromptu performance on the steps of the Steeple Hall