
REINVENTING THE REEL:

Lau and The Ross Ainslie /
Jarlath Henderson Trio



Reinventing the Reel presents the state of the art in adventurous traditional music through two of the most exciting groups on the scene, Lau and the Ross Ainslie-Jarlath Henderson Trio.

Since their Celtic Connections debut in 2006, Lau have made an enormous impression across the UK and Europe with a style of music that draws on rich traditional influences, fearless improvisation and frightening virtuosity.

Each of these Grade A musicians has a considerable reputation: Fiddler Aidan O'Rourke formed Tabache at the age of nineteen and has gone on to star with Blazin' Fiddles, the Unusual Suspects, and Kevin Mackenzie's Vital Signs. As a session musician he has appeared on over sixty albums with artists including Runrig and Karen Matheson of Capercaillie, and his composition credits include the highly acclaimed Celtic Connections commission, Sirius, and work as composer in residence at The Tolbooth in Stirling.

Martin Green's freewheeling accordion style has featured with Martin Carthy, Kathryn Tickell, John Rae's Celtic Feet and Eliza Carthy, with whom he recorded the CD Dinner in 2001. Orcadian guitarist Kris Drever, who provides the rhythmical impetus, combines Lau with a solo career that has seen him win the BBC Folk Awards Horizon gong as Best Newcomer of 2007 and session and sideman work with John McCusker, Kate Rusby and Cathie Ryan.

In addition to releasing their debut CD, Lightweights & Gentlemen, 2007 saw Lau form heavyweight contemporary music band Parallelogram with flautist Brian Finnegan and a trio of top London jazz musicians.

Ross Ainslie and Jarlath Henderson are two of the most accomplished young pipers around, as evidenced by Jarlath becoming the first Irish musician to win the BBC Young Musician of the Year title in 2003. Playing border pipes and uilleann pipes respectively, they draw on skills passed directly down from the late Gordon Duncan and the renowned Armagh Pipers Club and they infuse their own group with hearty experience gained from playing with the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band, Dougie Maclean, Salsa Celtica, Flook! And Capercaillie.