

Yorkston takes a Knapp ahead of Eastgate gig

TWO major artists from the contemporary folk world will join forces at Peebles' Eastgate Theatre on Wednesday.

And the CVs of both James Yorkston and Lisa Knapp mean a great performance is promised on May 20.

Born and brought up in Fife, Yorkston started out as bassist for punk band Huckleberry, who recorded a number of independently released records, but in 1996 he played his first solo acoustic concert as support for Bert Jansch following a recommendation by a friend.

In 2000 he recorded a demo tape under the name J. Wright Presents which was played by John Peel on BBC Radio One and led to him securing a support slot with the late John Martyn. The same year he released his debut single Moving up Country on the independent label Bad Jazz.



James Yorkston will perform alongside Lisa Knapp at the Eastgate Theatre

Ballad of the Books, singing lyrics written by poet Bill Duncan and is currently part of a group called The Fence Collective.

Yorkston got together with rising star Lisa Knapp after they performed at the BBC Electric Proms following the release of her debut album Wild and Undaunted. It was named folk album of the year by MOJO magazine and also saw her claim two BBC Folk award nominations.

The Londoner has since played a number of festivals and has collaborated with Shirley Collins, Martin Carthy, Alasdair Roberts, Bellowhead and, in summer 2008, co-headlined at London's legendary Roundhouse with Yorkston.

James Yorkston and Lisa Knapp will perform at the Eastgate Theatre in Peebles on Wednesday at 7.30pm, tickets priced £15 (£13 conc). Telephone 01721 725777 for further details.

He then signed to Domino Records, to which Arctic Monkeys are currently attached, recording music with a number of friends and associates such as The Athletes.

Yorkston also featured on the album



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