

# Yorkston and Knapp step up to the bar

FOLK rock duo James Yorkston and Lisa Knapp will join forces for a Scottish tour starting in the Fair City next week.

The pair are booked to play 11 venues up and down the land, starting at Perth Theatre's Red-rooms bar on Monday night.

Fife songsmith Yorkston has made his name in recent years as a mainstay of the acclaimed Fence Collective, after starting his music career in the early Nineties as bassist for punk band Huckleberry.

Leaving his proto-project behind, Yorkston played solo acoustic concerts for four years before recording a demo under the name J Wright Presents, which led to a support slot in 2000 with legendary performer John Martyn.

The same year Yorkston released his debut single Moving Up Country on the independent label Bad Jazz.

He subsequently signed to Domino Records, recording music with a number of associates as The Athletes.

After working as part of the Fence Collective, based in Fife's East Neuk, he was later musical co-director for the Lal Waterson Tribute as part of 2007's BBC Electric Proms, where he first met and performed with then rising star Lisa Knapp.

Since first coming to prominence in 2006, London-based Knapp has gained considerable acclaim for her alternative re-workings of folk classics and her own original efforts.

Her work has been categorised alongside the nu-folk adventures of Adem, Patrick Wolf and the Fence Collective, while being



**ACCLAIMED:** Singer-songwriter Lisa Knapp is set to impress at Perth Theatre on Monday night.

firmly rooted in traditional music.

Knapp's recording career began seven years ago with her version of Blacksmith, a York Broadside ballad published in 1825 and most famously recorded in 1971 by Steeleye Span.

The track caught the ear of producer and Killing Joke bassist Youth, whose remixing skills resulted in a powerful new version of the song.

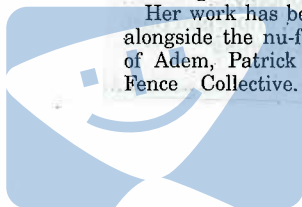
Knapp released her debut album Wild And Undaunted on her own label in 2007, and it went on

to become Mojo magazine's folk album of the year and also led to two BBC Folk Award nominations last year.

She has performed at major festivals in the UK and abroad, including major collaborations with artists such as Shirley Collins, Martin Carthy, Fairport Convention and Bellowhead.

The duo's Perth show is scheduled to run from 8-10.20pm on Monday. Tickets are available by calling 01738 621 031.

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