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Tune Up Tour

The latest in a series of concerts as part of the Tune Up Tour, Across The Sea celebrates traditional songs that migrated from Scotland and Ireland to the US and back again.

Featuring some of the finest musicians from Scotland (Kris Drever, traditional instrumentalist of the year), Ireland (Eamonn Coyne, of Salsa Celtica) and the US (Betsee Ellis, Caleb Klaurder and Sammy Lind).

In August 2007, Betsee Ellis and Tim Matthew sat behind the Famous Spiegeltent during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, trading Scottish and American fiddle tunes, when Betsee said to Tim: "We ought to do this more often." Since emigrants first left our shores for America, music and song travelled with them and became part of the rich tradition found all over the States. This concert brings together some of the finest traditional musicians from Orkney, Scotland and across Ireland, with top exponents of hillbilly, country and bluegrass from Missouri and Oregon. These concerts will feature traditional Scottish music and its American counterparts, and American music that influences current Scottish musicians.

■ The tour begins next Wednesday, April 22, in Dunfermline, and continues until Wednesday, May 6, taking in Stornoway, Wick, Orkney, Perth, Edinburgh, Stirling, Skye, Black Isle, Tobermory and Glasgow. For more information, dates or tickets visit www.myspace.com/goingacrossthesea