Winter Wilson Biography - October 2023

Winter Wilson have often been described as "one of the hardest-working duos on the UK folk scene", and not without good reason. Since becoming full-time musicians in 2012, the couple have played folk clubs, theatres, arts centres and festivals worldwide, making friends and fans along the way.

Kip Winter (vocals, flute, piano accordion, guitar) "simply has a voice to die for" (John Roffee, Maverick Magazine), whilst Dave Wilson (vocals, guitar, banjo) is now widely recognised as one of the UK's very best contemporary folk and blues songwriters, with his songs sung in folk clubs the world over.

Together they produce a unique sound, blending truly stunning harmonies with subtle, skilful musicianship. Their songs are beautiful, often hard hitting and just occasionally laugh-out-loud funny, covering a wide range of styles and subject matter, but always delivered with passion.

In between the songs it's another matter entirely. Kip and Dave are a couple in life as well as on stage and it shows. Their personal rapport translates to a relaxed, self-effacing stage presence where the audience is invited to join, not only in the songs, but also in the stories and banter in between.

Stuck at home during Covid, the pair raised almost £7,000 for charity through their weekly live streams (<u>Live from the Lounge</u>), and also wrote and recorded their latest studio album "<u>The Passing of the Storm</u>" which, as with the previous nine, has received rave reviews.

"Winter Wilson just get better and better whatever they do."

Dai Jeffries, RnR Magazine

"...a set of twelve all-new songs that stand ready to cement their already enviable reputations both as performers and songwriters"

Johnny Whalley, Folkradio.co.uk

Released from lockdown, Winter Wilson are back on the road. In 2022/23, besides touring the UK, they returned to Canada and Continental Europe, whilst 2024 sees their long-awaited return to Australia and New Zealand.

With a fistful of new songs, as well as plenty of old favourites, Winter Wilson are guaranteed to provide great entertainment.

You will laugh; you may cry. You will certainly want to see them again!

"Winter Wilson opened the Cuckoo's Nest Folk Club's 2023-24 Season and they were an absolute delight. Great performers, wonderful songs, entertaining banter and superb harmonies. Our audience loved Dave & Kip. I am happy to recommend this talented duo and look forward to a return engagement in the future."

Ian Davies, Artistic Director, <u>Cuckoo's Nest Folk Club</u>, London, Ontario

"We were thrilled to host Winter Wilson for a second time at The Rocky. Kip and Dave bring a mix of amusing stories and thought-provoking songs to the stage, and both are very talented singers and

musicians. Their banter made the audience feel almost part of the family before long. We hope to see them again soon, out here in the 'wild west'!"

Joel Weder Artistic Director Rocky Mountain Folk Club, Calgary

"Enthralling & energetic, truthful & truly compassionate; a delightful evening for the whole crowd who wandered away with smiles from head to toe...Kip & Dave nailed it!"

Jope Langejans -- Creekside Concerts, Priddis, Alberta

"It was a true pleasure to introduce Winter Wilson to my Folk Night audience. Their music is the epitome of contemporary folk: stunning original songs, sublime instrumentals, stories and observations about real people doing real things, sung in beautiful harmony. Kip and Dave are total professionals, a treat to work with in all respects. Perfect performers to launch our new season!"

Jack Cole, Folk at the Registry Theatre, London, Ontario

"Winter Wilson were a delight to share with a Vancouver BC audience for the first time. Beautiful voices, exceptional songwriting, and utterly endearing performances... I loved watching the audience fall in love with them!"

Shari Ulrich (Canada), Multi Juno Award Winner

Live Video

Home, The Gate to Southwell Festival.

Weary Traveller, live at Fleetwood Folk and Blues Festival

It'll Take a Long Time, live with Fairport Convention at Cropredy Festival.

Tried and Tested, live at Fleetwood Folk and Blues Festival

Check out our **YouTube** channel for more live performances.