



News Release

The New Face of Folk

Lowender Peran Festival, Cornwall
19 – 23 October 2011

This year's celebration of Cornwall's distinctive cultural heritage, Lowender Peran, will have a Cornish monster of a band headlining, the Launceston born Crowns.

All 21 and recently moved to London to find their fortunes, Crowns have shared stages with Brandon Flowers, Big Country, Gallows and The Pogues. Their set-list pitches traditional Cornish folk songs that were picked up (and punked-up) in local pubs against a backbone of original tunes. Their unique combination of salty, sing-a-long anthems and folk-punk party songs are guaranteed to get your sea-legs dancing. Come and see them on Saturday 22nd October in the Ponsmere Hotel, Perranporth.

The Festival, which starts on Wednesday 19 October features music, dance, song and story telling. One of the highlights not to be missed is KAN, in concert on Thursday 20th October. Brian Finnegan and Aidan O'Rourke, front men with possibly the two most revered bands ever to have thrilled the folk scene, Flook and Lau, join forces with two of the brightest stars in the world of rhythm and accompaniment to travel a daring and innovative new musical path. As well as their concert, Brian Finnegan will be giving a whistle master class, and Aidan O'Rourke a fiddle master class, on Friday 21st October. Tickets limited so advance booking essential!

For the first time Lowender Peran is delighted to announce a Cornish language Karaoke, inviting everyone to come and sing along to pop music favourites – in Cornish! If you want to get dancing there are barn dances and dance workshops. There will also be an organ and bombard recital in Perranporth Methodist Church.

On Saturday 22nd October Perranporth will come alive with colour, costume, music and dance as over 300 performers from Brittany, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the Isle of Man and Cornwall descend upon the village. Entertainment will take place between 11.30am and 1.30pm.

The Celtic Cabaret events on the Saturday and Sunday offer a relaxed afternoon of music and song from talented local and visiting performers including Cornish songs by jazz trio Pete Berryman's PB3 and harp and fiddle music with Mike O'Connor and Barbara Griggs. The cabaret events finish with a family friendly dance for those who want to join in, and with the fully stocked Skinner's real ale bar there's something for everyone!

Alan Pengelly, Director of one of the festival's sponsor's 'The Celtic Link' says "it's a really great line up and fantastic that the festival is bringing together such talented performers both from home and abroad, The Celtic Link are really delighted to be supporting such an important event in the Cornish calendar."

Lowender Peran takes place from 19 – 23 October in the Ponsmere Hotel, Perranporth. For further information or to book tickets please visit: www.lowenderperan.co.uk or find the 'Lowender Peran' page on Facebook.

Tickets from just £5, under 14s are free with a fee paying adult.

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