

MHAIRI HALL & PATSY REID
Contours of Cairngorm
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Insightful yet exhilarating, *Contours of Cairngorm* seamlessly unites the Scottish traditional and classical genres, and musicians.

Building on the success of Mhairi Hall Trio's *Cairngorm*, virtuosic pianist Mhairi and acclaimed fiddler and composer Patsy Reid have combined their unique musical talents and created *Contours of Cairngorm*. Hall says, "From conception, I had always imagined our music with strings. I was really excited to get the opportunity from Celtic Connections for Patsy and I to work together again and create this piece." Having expanded the music of *Cairngorm*, *Contours of Cairngorm* features Scotland's premiere string ensemble *The Edinburgh Quartet*, alongside the Trio and Patsy. The duo's dynamic string writing offers both sheer beauty and rugged edge, whilst complimenting the powerful rhythmic energy of the Trio's music perfectly - the result is striking and highly emotive.

This debut concert was recorded in the beautiful Grand City Halls, Glasgow as part of Celtic Connections 2011. The audience experienced a stunning performance and extremely special atmosphere. Reid recalls "I loved every second of that gig; it was such a pleasure to have our orchestrations realised and performed by such fantastic musicians, and in such a beautiful venue. Thank goodness it was captured and we are proud to share this recording."

Contours of Cairngorm was mixed by world-renowned producer and musician, Dónal Lunny.

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