

Iona Fyfe (SCO)



Short Biography

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Iona studied at the prestigious Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and graduated with a first class honours degree in Traditional Music and holds an FLCM in Traditional Voice from London College of Music. A sell-out show at Edinburgh Fringe Festival for three consecutive years, Iona was a finalist in the *BBC Radio Scotland Young*

Traditional Musician of the Year and won the *Molloy Award* at Birmingham Irish Trad Fest. In 2018, Iona performed at Interceltique Festival De Lorient where she was described as “a Scottish folksinger, magical and charismatic” ([Rolling Stone, France](#)). She was nominated for “One to Watch” and “Best Live Performance” at the Sunday Herald Scottish Culture Awards 2018.

Her debut album **Away From My Window** was met with critical acclaim and features fresh interpretations of ballads, self-penned and contemporary songs alike, whilst sampling source singers such as Lizzie Higgins and Stanley Robertson and remaining sympathetic to the song tradition of which Iona grew up around. Produced by Jani Lang, of Dallahan, **Away From My Window** features a stellar folk line-up of musicians featuring Luc McNally, Tim Edey, Charlie Grey, Simon Gall, Ross Miller Graham Rorie, David Foley, and Charlie Stewart.

“Poignant and well delivered. Singing well within herself, Iona’s voice, at times reminiscent of Cara Dillon, is well suited to the ballads recorded on this album.”

- Scottish Field

“Describing Iona Fyfe as a Scottish folksinger is probably doing her an injustice, as the versatility displayed on her new, EP release, Dark Turn of Mind, reflects her grasp and understanding of jazz, Americana and much more.”

- RnR Magazine

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