

# Scots singers to perform at Aberdeen's Lemon Tree

TWO unique Scottish singers are both to give concerts at Aberdeen's Lemon Tree Studio in the new year.

Something of a legend in the UK, singer-songwriter Horse McDonald will play the city venue on Friday, January 29.

Then on Thursday, May 6, it's the turn of Scots Singer of the Year 2008/9 Emily Smith, who has firmly established herself as a leading light in the Scottish folk scene.

A performer who exudes an infectious warmth, Horse spares nothing of herself in her performance and has a unique voice, not only as a singer, but also as a writer. She has set her magnificent, searingly sensuous sound against everything from slick power-pop production to live orchestral accompaniment.

Next year marks the 20th anniversary of her first album *The Same Sky* and she will be performing material from this and also her bitter-sweet new album *Coming Up For Air* with her full band.

Since winning the 2002 BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year Award, Emily has released three critically-acclaimed albums and



Emily Smith



Horse McDonald

toured extensively with her band on the international folk circuit.

She is recognised not only as one of Scotland's finest interpreters of traditional song but also as a talented songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

Alongside her solo career Smith has written, recorded and toured with artists from the folk scene and beyond includ-

ing Eddi Reader, Richard Thompson, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Karine Polwart, John McCusker, David Scott and Phil Cunningham.

She has recorded live sessions for BBC Radio 2's Bob Harris, Aled Jones and Mike Harding alongside receiving regular play on BBC Radio Scotland. Recent television work includes per-

forming on BBC 1 Scotland's Hogmanay show and she will be featured in the new series of Transatlantic Sessions.

Tickets to both gigs are available online at [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com), by calling (01224) 641122 and at Aberdeen Box Office at the Music Hall, His Majesty's Theatre and The Lemon Tree.

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