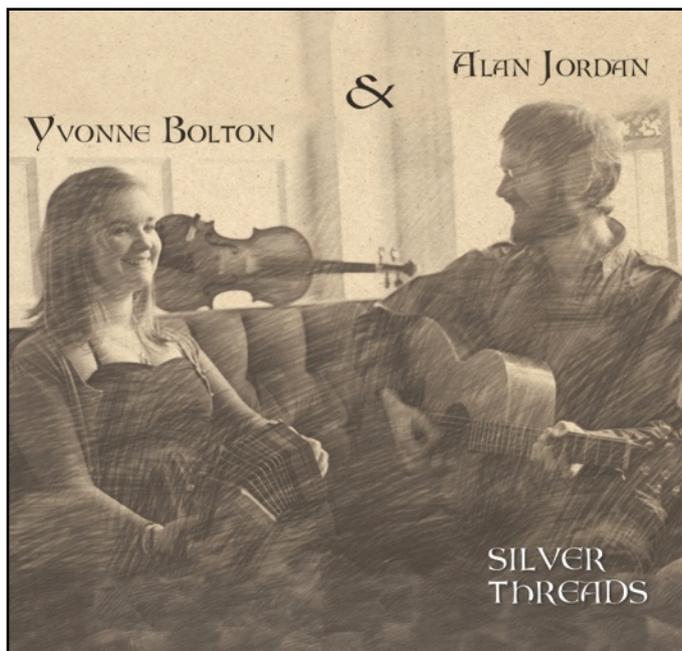


Silver Threads by Yvonne Bolton & Alan Jordan

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“No gimmicks; just authentic, flowing, well arranged music, that satisfies anyone who values artistic integrity and innovation in traditional and folk music.”

This honest appraisal is how Yvonne Bolton (concertina/fiddle) and Alan Jordan (guitar, vocals, low whistle) sum up their debut album *Silver Threads* and anyone who stops to listen to it will appreciate the authenticity of the statement.



Recently launched at the Pan Celtic festival in Carlow, two thirds of the album consists of original material while the rest comes primarily from the Irish traditional repertoire, with the combination of concertina and guitar as the core sound.

The arrangements vary from basic concertina and guitar to bigger sounds, incorporating the use of fiddle, low whistle, cello, piano, bass and bodhrán, with Alan also singing on two songs. It is an album which highlights the duo's respect for melody, as well as their willingness to look beyond stereotypical boundaries in order to create good music.

About Yvonne and Alan:



Yvonne Bolton (concertina/fiddle) was born into a musical family in Killeshin, Co Laois. She is an accomplished fiddle and concertina player, composer and teacher. Under the tutelage of Tony O'Connell, Derek Hickey, Ernestine Healey, Siobhan Peoples and many others in the The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in the University of Limerick she further developed her musical interest. In 2010 she founded the Bolton School of Music which quickly established itself as one of Carlow's leading music schools.



Alan Jordan (guitar, vocals, low whistle) is originally from Curraghmore, near Claremorris, Co Mayo and now lives in Limerick. He is a versatile composer, arranger and performer. As a guitarist, his musical experience is varied but traditional Irish music is where he most at home these days. A graduate of University of Limerick's BA in Irish Music and Dance in 2008, Alan was a founding member of *The Outside Track* and has gigged extensively throughout Ireland, the UK and Europe, playing alongside the likes of Altan and Clannad.

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