

# THE PORTRAITS: "THE FRIDAY SONG" SERIES LAUNCHED IN STYLE

Following the success of their Glastonbury Festival appearance last summer, London-based band The Portraits are celebrating their increased profile with a unique project: they are releasing a brand new song each and every week throughout 2012.



Uniquely, the new songs will be created on a week by week basis, inspired by ideas sent in by the public.

A new track will be released at 7pm each Friday, via the band's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/theportraitsmusic](http://www.facebook.com/theportraitsmusic), and will simultaneously be offered for free MP3 download with the option for the downloader to donate to a cause close to The Portraits' hearts, the Burma Campaign, which campaigns for human rights and democracy in Burma.

With three albums under their belt, The Portraits, launched in 2005 by singer Lorraine Reilly from County Galway and Bristolian classical pianist Jeremy Millington, have built a strong following in the UK and France. Their warm sound draws on the diverse backgrounds of the band's members, mixing traditional folk with musical theatre, 1970s pop-rock with jazz, singer-songwriter and classical styles. The band was crowned Best International Artist 2011 by US station Radio Crystal Blue.

During their forthcoming series of adventurous, lyrical, emotionally enthralling performances, The Portraits will be showcasing songs from their next album, with a release planned for June 2012, whose even more impassioned lyrics married to vibrant orchestral textures and choir-like vocal arrangements are a musical exclamation mark following the inequalities our lives are all bearing witness to both in far flung places that can seem so many moons away and much closer to home.

## MORE INFORMATION

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## THE PORTRAITS LIVE

10 January 2012	The Bedford, London
14 January 2012	Acoustic Routes, Cambridge
15 January 2012	Earl's Court, The France Show
16 January 2012	Half Moon, Putney
04 February 2012	Blackheath Halls, Concert For Andy Ropek
15 February 2012	Alma Café, Cape Town, South Africa
17 March 2012	Salle Kanapé II, Lagord, France
05 April 2012	Cornwall Tour until 23rd April 2012
05 May 2012	Stables Milton Keynes
30 May 2012	Mercredis de la Jarne, La Jarne, France
12 July 2012	Festival de Meschers
16 August 2012	Festival de Meschers
25 August 2012	Purbeck Folk Festival