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# THE PORTRAITS: HOUSE CONCERT TOUR 2012 – APPLY NOW FOR YOUR HOME!



Following the success of their Glastonbury Festival appearance last summer, London-based band The Portraits will celebrate the release of their new album this summer with a series of exclusive house concerts across the UK. Applications are now open, and will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March - the band are asking homeowners interested in their music to apply via their website [www.theportraitsmusic.com](http://www.theportraitsmusic.com) for the Portraits to play in their own living room.

The most interesting proposals will be selected for the House Concert tour between June and September 2012 – the band will play for free in exchange for a good crowd of friends, refreshments and the opportunity to play to an enthusiastic, listening crowd.

Songwriter Jeremy explains: “Our concerts always turn out to be such amazing fun, and we really make friends with our audiences – our gigs are like a two-way musical conversation, and so it is a natural progression for us to play in people’s living rooms. There are few limits to where we will travel for a great audience, and we can’t wait!”

The Portraits’ are currently attracting attention on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/theportraitsmusic](http://www.facebook.com/theportraitsmusic) for a unique “Friday Song” project: they are releasing a brand new song each and every week throughout 2012 based on ideas sent in by the public: stories, pictures, news items.

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 showcase songs from their new album, whose 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

<http://www.theportraitsmusic.com>

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## THE PORTRAITS LIVE

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