



SHOW OF HANDS with Miranda Sykes

Show of Hands are without a doubt one of the strongest current forces in acoustic music.

An alchemist couldn't have come up with a more potent, magical mix than that of **Phil Beer**, who can, as The Scotsman observed, "play nearly every stringed instrument known to man" and the inspired **Steve Knightley**, described by Mike Harding at BBC Radio 2's 2007 Folk Awards as "one of England's greatest singer songwriters".

2007 was a milestone year for England's most popular roots duo – notching up a third sell out gig at the Royal Albert Hall; nominated for Best Duo and Best Original Song (for *Roots*) at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards; headlining at some 20 major UK festivals from Glastonbury to Cambridge and being invited to support Peter Gabriel at the Eden Project; embarking on solo tours and a German tour and then back home in the UK for two autumn/winter tours.

Next year sees the Devon based group undertaking a string of high profile festival appearances across the UK, Europe and Canada including a first visit to the Plymouth Folk Festival on Friday 9th May 2008.

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"One of the great English bands" - Peter Gabriel

"A great live band - catch them if you can." – Johnnie Walker, BBC Radio 2

"Wonderful music" – Jools Holland

"Knightley, Beer and Sykes are the real deal. They write of contemporary England with a critical and detailed eye, interpret the English tradition with energy and zeal and play and sing like gangbusters" – Penguin Eggs Magazine, Canada