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ALLAN YN Y FAN Cerddoriaeth Geltaidd o Gymru Celtic Music from Wales

For more than a decade South Wales' valleys based **Allan Yn Y Fan** have been bringing their infectious internationally aware brand of Welsh music to audiences all over the UK and beyond.

Critical acclaim has been unanimous for their Steam Pie releases "**Off The Map**" (2003) and "**Belonging**" in 2006. As a twmpath dawns band – together with caller Gina Morgan or Carys Wynne – they regularly prove that they can get everyone up and dancing. No wonder that they are often described as the perfect party band – they turn every occasion into a celebration.

As a concert band **Allan Yn Y Fan** have entranced audiences all over Europe and the UK with their mix of own compositions, traditional Welsh tunes and choice selections from the other Celtic nations. Now in 2008 with new singer/fiddle player Meriel Field, the band are crafting their own distinctive versions of some the Welsh traditions' finest songs.

Allan Yn Y Fan aim to return to the studio later in 2008 to work on their third album which will showcase their own compositions and traditional Welsh songs. In the meantime experience this heady mix at their festival appearances at Priddy, Trowbridge, Caerphilly and Festival Interceltique du Lorient throughout the summer of 2008.

Allan Yn Y Fan is:

GEOFF CRIPPS	Guitar, bass, bouzouki, mandola, keyboards
MERIEL FIELD	Voice, fiddle
CHRIS JONES	Accordion, flute, low D and penny whistle, keyboards
LINDA SIMMONDS	Mandolin, mandola, bodhran & vocals
KATE STRUDWICK	Flute, recorders, whistle & vocals

*"..they play plenty of their own tunes, with a full sound and an unhurried approach....theirs is a traditional style that's reassuringly rooted in a lost age." **MOJO***

*" Spirited, cheery and creative Celtic Trad, with a couple of romantic interludes, from the top Welsh twmpath band." **BBC Radio 2 Folk Website***

*"The band's compositions are a major feature of the album...if you want a great wedding band, book these guys. They do fun, they do frenetic, they do slow romantic. They probably do Bar Mitzvahs too." **FROOTS***

*"It's this open-mindedness, together with a genuine sense that they really are having a ball, which makes this such an enjoyable listen and whether they are pulling out all the stops as on the Morgan Rhatlar/Lacken House set, or coming over all introspective with Kate Strudwick's haunting "Girl On A Rock", they display a real passion for their music..." **Rock'n'Reel***

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