

STEEL SKIES

ALISTAIR ANDERSON & BAND

Alistair Anderson *English Concertina & Northumbrian Pipes*

Emily Ball *Fiddle* **Sophy Ball** *Fiddle*

Lillias Kinsman Blake *Flute* **Andy Watt** *Mandolin*

Contemporary Music
in the Folk Tradition

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STEEL SKIES IN CONCERT

"The Alistair Anderson Steel Skies instrumental suite originally came out in 1982... his vision in creating a fully realised new work, drawn from and naturally embedded into the musical traditions of the British Isles, gains even more significance as the years pass. It is the complete entity that is so impressive and even now the range and balance of Anderson's melodies take your breath away."

Colin Irwin fRoots 2010

"One of the first composed musical folk soundscapes, it remains one of the most successful... instruments weave their polyphonic magic managing to be both evocative and invigorating."

Jon Boden 2010

"Bravely Anderson has decided to break with the traditional mould of unison melody playing... and a complex trelliswork of harmonies is created. All in all this is a delightful landmark in the development of folk music."

The Scotsman 1982

"Anderson has achieved what many others have tried without success. He has composed a work which, while remaining rooted deeply in the traditional music of his region of Britain, contains neither pastiche nor attempts to fuse irreconcilable elements. The melodic lines of songs without words give way to dance patterns enriched by unexpected harmonies and delightful combinations of instruments. It is a fluid living work, which will yield even more riches with successive performances."

Daily Telegraph 1982

"The finest recent original contribution to the tradition of English music."

The Guardian 1982

The concert will also include some of the traditional music from Northumberland and beyond which inspired Steel Skies.

"He remains one of this country's most majestic and inclusive instrumentalists."

fRoots

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