



Fionnuala Sherry, also known as the Irish half of the duo *Secret Garden*, launched her solo album **“Songs From Before”** in Ireland earlier this year. The album has been met with wide critical acclaim and the tour to promote is taking shape. The album mixes traditional Irish melodies - performed with fresh eyes, respect and a deep connection; original compositions - all played with Fionnuala’s signature heartfelt and beautifully reflective violin style. It’s both the music that Fionnuala believes should be preserved and a musical landscape that she would like to share with others.

Fionnuala’s distinguished violin playing and sprite-like performance became known throughout Norway when in 1995, as part of the duo *Secret Garden* with Rolf Løvland, she won the Eurovision Song Contest for Norway. Since then, Fionnuala has travelled the world with Secret Garden and has sold over 4 million albums worldwide.

This year, World Expo 2010 is taking place in Beijing. At the Norwegian pavilion, nature is brought to life by the sound of **Fionnuala’s** violin. It plays a central role in the sound-scape of the specially commissioned piece, which visitors experience through an impressive virtual, multi-media performance that runs continually throughout the pavilion. Secret Garden has performed twice at the exhibition, with China’s renowned The Zhe Jiang Symphony Orchestra. Their performances were broadcast to a worldwide audience.

Over her years with Secret Garden, Fionnuala developed a passion for the preservation of musical traditions. This passion is manifested in the album **“Songs From Before”** which was recorded in Norway with composer/arranger Kjetil Bjerkestrand whose earlier production credits include Morten Harket (A-Ha), Ray Charles and Sissel Kyrkjebø.

Fionnuala grew up in Naas in Kildare, Ireland, surrounded by a musical family who inspired her to pursue a career in music. Following her education, she began an inspiring 10 year stint playing in the RTE Concert Orchestra. But her musical curiosity was to take her into a wider field of music as evidenced by the eclectic body of artists and projects she has been involved with, including The Chieftains, Sinéad O’Connor, Van Morrison, Chris de Burgh, Bono and Wet Wet Wet.

In Fionnuala’s future (and ours), Secret Garden will continue to captivate listeners But, *now* it’s time for Fionnuala Sherry’s **“Songs From Before”** to enchant and take us along on her musical journey.

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