

Chris & Kellie While

Mother and Daughter, two stunning voices.....

Whenever you hear two superb vocalists sing together, it's a great experience, but when they are related it's becomes something else. **Chris While** and her daughter **Kellie** both have impeccable musical pedigrees as singers and instrumentalists. In this duo show they present a mix of self-penned material and imaginative interpretations of other singer-songwriters' compositions and standards knitted together with charming and entertaining introductions and stories.

They currently have 3 albums together, the eponymously titled **Chris & Kellie While, Too Few Songs** and their latest album **Indigo**.

"Chris and Kellie have an enviable relationship. More like sisters than mother and daughter. They have a synchronicity of vocal expression that could not have been learned." Ralph McTell.

Chris While

Chris was a solo performer from the age of fourteen, singing and playing round the burgeoning folk club scene in Cumbria until she moved to Manchester at the age of 20. In 1993, she joined The Albion Band as lead singer and the following years brought her voice and songs to a much wider audience both in the U.K. and in the international arena.

Chris left the Albion Band in 1997 after a 4 year stint to pursue a full time career with her duo partner Julie Matthews. While & Matthews have been nominated ten times in the Best Live Act and Best Duo categories at the BBC Folk Radio 2 Folk Awards and in 2009 they won the Best Duo award.

Chris, along with Julie Matthews, Christine Collister, Melanie Harrold & Helen Watson form the vocal supergroup Daphne's Flight, a powerhouse of incredible voices. They made their only album to date in 1996 and followed with a tour. Last year, for their 21st anniversary, they re-united with a major tour and a brand new album, 'Knows Time, Knows Change'.

One the biggest joys in Chris's life, however, is to sing with her Daughter...

Kellie While

In her mid-twenties, after years of touring with The Albion Band, e2K and as a solo performer Kellie decided to pursue a career in radio production. She is now Head of Creative at 7digital in London and her job keeps her away from performing much of the time these days. However, Kellie still finds some time each summer to play a handful of gigs with her Mum.

Each December she also takes to the road with The Albion Christmas Band (alongside Ashley Hutchings, Simon Nicol and Simon Care), which has been touring for 20 years and attracts sell-out audiences across the UK.

As a guest vocalist, Kellie has been a much sought-after contributor to other people's projects including albums by artists such as Martin Simpson, Black Sedan, Roy Bailey and Thea Gilmore and live collaborations with Eddi Reader, Beth Nielsen Chapman and Fairport Convention.