



Kate Rusby at Christmas

Friday 11 December 2015
Brighton Dome Concert Hall
8pm, £24

Kate Rusby - one of the most popular young folk singers of traditional English folk songs - heads to **Brighton Dome Concert Hall** on **Friday 11 December** for a spellbinding evening of songs from her highly acclaimed two Christmas albums. As ever, she will be joined by her superb band of multi talented musicians including **Damien O'Kane, Duncan Lyall, Steve Byrnes, Aaron Jones** and **Julian Sutton** and a top-flight brass quintet.

'Exquisite interpretations of traditional material from the pocket sized folk singer with the heartbreakingly tremulous voice and bawdy Yorkshire wit' – **Daily Telegraph**

With her Christmas concerts, Kate is embracing and sharing a local South Yorkshire tradition of which she's been a part ever since she was a child. For over two hundred years from late November to New Year's Day on Sunday lunchtimes the good folk of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire have flocked to their local public houses to sing their own, unique variations of familiar carols that, as Kate says, 'were kicked out of churches during the Victorian era for being too happy!'

'Her show sparkles with magic and an achingly bittersweet sense of Christmas past' – **Yorkshire Post**

The defining voice of contemporary English folk music, **Kate Rusby's** exquisite interpretations of traditional songs and finely wrought self-penned tunes have won her an audience that reaches beyond the genre. A rare achievement for a folk artist but entirely understandable given Rusby's expressive vocals that invest whatever she sings with irresistible emotional depth. Famously down to earth, for over twenty years Kate's engaging personality and sharp Yorkshire wit have further endeared her to concert goers everywhere.

Rusby first came to the attention of the folk scene through her duets with **Kathryn Roberts**, which lead to her becoming a founding member of the group **Equation** (which has also included **Seth Lakeman** and **Cara Dillon**). Rusby left Equation to follow a more traditional direction and, in 1997, released her debut solo album *Hourglass* produced by Scottish fiddler **John McCusker**. After a stint with all female folk group **The Poozies**, Rusby recorded *Sleepless* which earned her a Mercury Music Prize nomination and the BBC Folk Award for Best Album and Best Folk Singer. She released her first Christmas album *Sweet Bells* in 2008, which she followed with *While Mortals Sleep* in 2011.

Rusby continues to release albums mixing traditional and self-penned songs on her own Pure Records – the latest of which, *Ghost*, was released last winter – winning fans as diverse as **Graham Coxon** (who provided the illustration for her album *The Girl Who Couldn't Fly*) and collaborator **Ronan Keating**.

-ENDS-

For further enquiries, please contact our press team:

Emma Robertson, Head of Press and PR - emma.robertson@brightonfestival.org | 01273 260 803

Chris Challis, Senior Press Officer – chris.challis@brightondome.org | 01273 260838

Anna Whelan, Digital Marketing Officer – anna.whelan@brightondome.org | 01273 260825

Ticket Office - 01273 709709 | brightondome.org

Follow us on Twitter - www.twitter.com/brightdome (@brightdome)

Join our Facebook fan site - www.facebook.com/brightondome

Listen to our monthly podcast - <http://soundcloud.com/brighton-dome>

Notes To Editors:

- Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival manages a year round programme of arts at Brighton Dome – a three space, Grade 1 listed building made up of the Concert Hall, Corn Exchange and Studio Theatre - and produces the annual Brighton Festival in May.
- It aims to champion the power of the arts, to enrich and change lives, and to inspire and enable artists to be their most creative.
- Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival are a registered arts charity
- Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival are working with the Royal Pavilion & Museums on a joint masterplan to realize a future vision for the Royal Pavilion Estate. For updates and news please visit www.brightondome.org