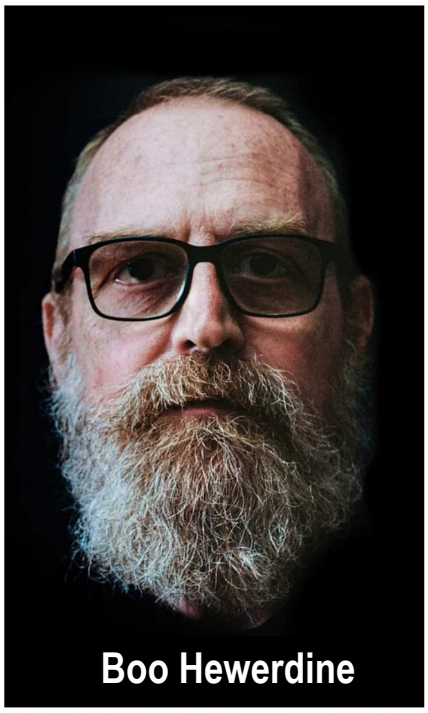
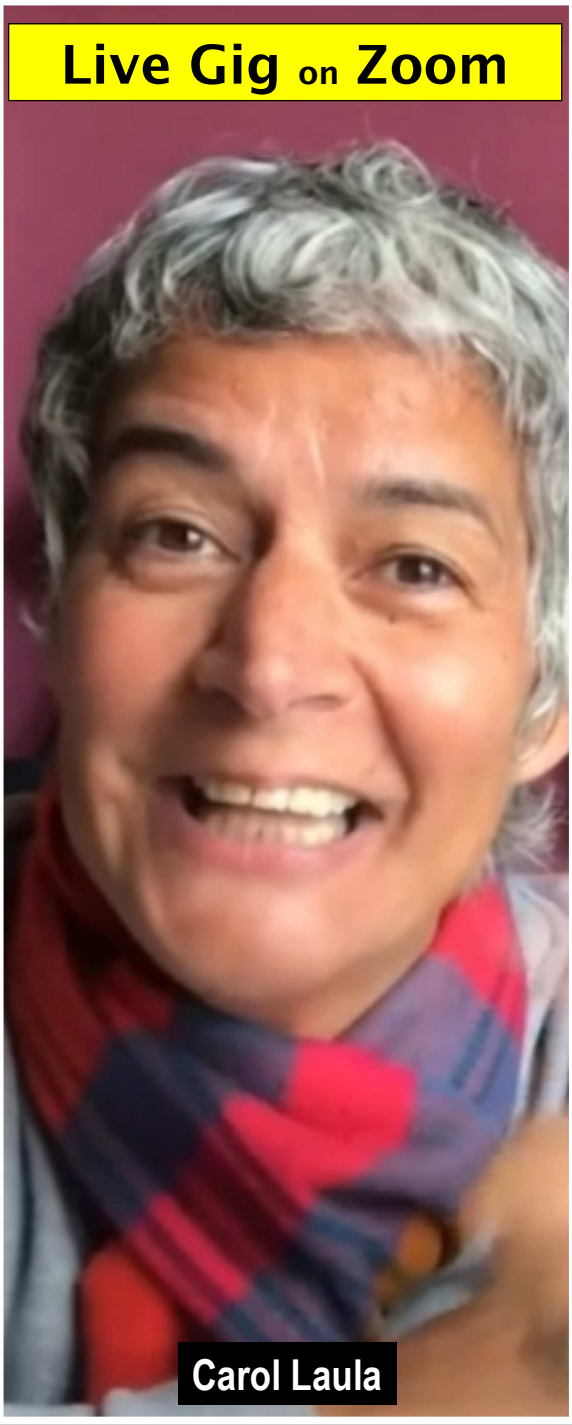
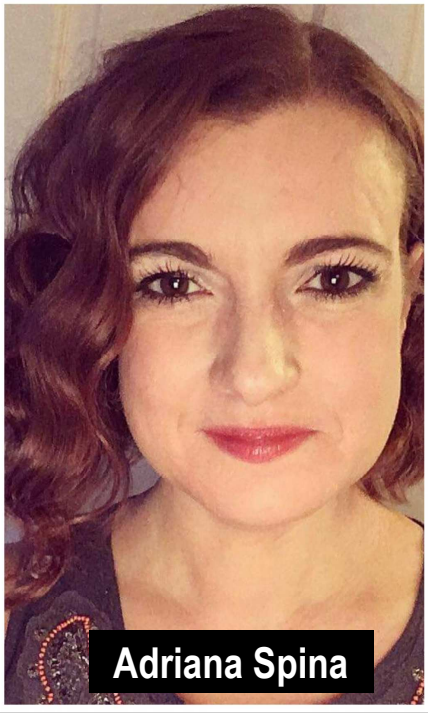
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Carol Laula www.carollaula.co.uk

With a style which bobs around somewhere between the smooth, clear delicacy of Karen Carpenter and the tougher edges of Joan Armatrading, it's hardly surprising that she's risen from a young unknown to become a household name. She first captivated the media and her audience in 1990, when her independent single, 'Standing Proud', was chosen to represent Glasgow in its year of culture.

The same decade saw Carol team up with Stuart Adamson to produce a series of songs that will no doubt be seen as a legacy to the talent of the late Big Country singer / songwriter. Carol has also collaborated with Jane Weidlin of the Go-Gos, Ryan Hedgecock of Lone Justice and Australia's Cheryl Beattie. In 1997, Carol branched out into other aspects of the media and made her debut presenting shows for both BBC Radio and Scottish Television.

The noughties shaped up to be another busy decade her. As well as touring new areas such as Iceland, she has performed across the UK and Ireland with Eliza Gilkyson and appeared at Glastonbury - something of a highlight, when she not only shared the bill with Billy Bragg, but met her hero, Tony Benn.

With eight albums under her belt, the most recent The Bones of It (Vertical Records) released in February 2016, she still stirs critics to describe her as ***"One of Scotland's leading singer-songwriters"*** and ***"an undeniably passionate and whole-hearted singer"***.

Boo Hewerdine www.boohewerdine.net

For over 30 years, acclaimed Ivor Novello Award nominated English singer-songwriter **Boo Hewerdine** has been considered one of the UK's finest singer-songwriters. As lead singer of seminal band, The Bible through to his subsequent solo work and multiple collaborations, he has become something of a national treasure.

Brit Award winning, former Fairground Attraction singer **Eddi Reader** is the perhaps the artist Boo Hewerdine is most regularly associated with, as a songwriter, musician and producer. Together they enjoyed international success with the (Hewerdine written) hit single **"Patience of Angels"** in 1995 and Boo also produced Reader's "Sings the Songs of Robert Burns" in 2003, an album now viewed as a folk classic.

He is in demand as a writer, producer and performer. Over a hundred of his songs have been covered by the likes of KD Lang, Kris Drever, Chris Difford (Squeeze), Heidi Talbot and Hannah Rarity. His last album 'Before' was recorded with supreme Danish multi- instrumentalist Gustaf Ljunggren. It garnered multiple five-star reviews. A naturally gifted and witty raconteur his gigs are always a total joy.

Yvonne Lyon www.yvonnelyonmusic.com

Yvonne is among the UK's brightest and best singer/songwriters. Her most recent album Growing Wild is her tenth solo studio release, further demonstrating her ability to deliver engaging original material with fresh imagination. Yvonne consistently combines poignant lyrics with strong, creative melodies demonstrating a voice that can be both fragile and intense.

Having supported Eddi Reader throughout the UK, performed with Beth Nielsen Chapman and co-written with Boo Hewerdine, Yvonne continues to establish herself as an artist of considerable significance.

Yvonne's memorable and emotive performances have drawn and stirred audiences and she has also shared the stage with Patti Griffin, Karine Polwart, Karen Matheson, Luka Bloom, Steve Forbert, IONA and Juliet Turner.

She has guested on two live sessions with Bob Harris on his BBC Radio 2 show and completed a Masters Degree in Songwriting and Performance from the University of the West of Scotland. With appearances on Television and as guest presenter of the BBC Radio Scotland Iain Anderson Show, she has shown great versatility and been in great demand.

- 'I love her, absolutely love her, great song beautifully performed' Michael Ball, BBC Radio 2
- 'just stunning music' Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2
- 'beautifully sung and played… a fine, fine album' R2 Magazine
- 'gorgeous voice' Q Magazine
- 'a fine voice… a fine album and one that is refreshingly positive' The Telegraph
- 'an awesome level of talent that I cannot compare' Maverick Magazine
- 'a wonderful talent… a lady with class' Americana UK

Len Pennie Twitter: @Lenniesaurus (Lentil Pentil)

Scots performer of the year 2021, poet laureate of the St Andrews Society of Los Angeles, 2020, **Len Pennie** is a Scottish poet and Scots language and mental health advocate. She became known on social media in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic in Scotland for her "Scots word of the day" and poem (poyum) videos. In March 2022, her Twitter and Tiktok accounts had over 400,000 followers worldwide.

Len Pennie grew up performing in Burns' competitions and this is where she really found her love of poetry and the Scots language. Since pursuing a degree in Spanish language and literature, this passion for poetry has only grown. She likes to write about things close to her heart. Mainly the Scots language, and mental health.

Adriana Spina www.adrianaspina.com

Scottish-Italian singer/songwriter Adriana Spina's sound is often hard to categorise. Fiercely independent, she has worked hard to craft her blend of Americana, folk and country.

With two studio albums to her name, Never Coming Home (2011) and Let Out The Dark (2017) which was made Album of the Week on its release by BBC Scotland's Iain Anderson. Adriana continues to write and perform tirelessly. She is a regular on festival bills including Celtic Connections, Glasgow Americana and Butesong, and regularly plays across the UK.

She had the honour of being invited by Joan Armatrading to support her on the Scottish dates of her most recent world tour, culminating in a storming performance at Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall. Joan is just one in a list of high-profile artists with whom Adriana has shared stages, having also opened for acts of the calibre of Sheryl Crow, Paolo Nutini, Eddi Reader and Dar Williams.

Adriana released her stunning stand-alone single "Still" in late 2020. A notable departure from her usual sound, with production by Mark Freegard and Boo Hewerdine, Still was critically acclaimed and reached the top 15 on the iTunes Singer/Songwriter chart. Adriana is currently working on her third album, in collaboration with legendary songwriter Boo Hewerdine.

"Reminiscent of a young Joni Mitchell, (Adriana) is gifted with one of those glorious aching voices that just don't come along too often... these are great songs performed with panache and passion." Acoustic Magazine

"A wonderful writer and singer whose time has surely come. Still is an exceptional single." Boo Hewerdine

"Highly accomplished...Spina sits comfortably within the sphere of artists such as Mary Chapin Carpenter, her songs are modern folk tales set within arrangements that can be subtle or rock out with some finesse.." Blabber 'n' Smoke

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