

## McLaren Vale Hosts A Night of Magic, Myth and Murder Ballads



Two of Adelaide's most original bands, Brillig & Spiral Dance, have combined musical forces to bring an enchanting evening of alt. folk to McLaren Vale's Singing Gallery on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Moody multi-instrumentalists, Brillig, relish their return to the gorgeous Singing Gallery, having enjoyed a packed audience last May for their McLaren Vale debut.

The SA trio has spent the past year playing their own brand of sea shanties, murder ballads & Nick Cave-esque folk tales across Australia and abroad. In the last 12 months alone, the band enjoyed the Adelaide Fringe launch of their acclaimed LP 'The Red Coats', a tour of New Zealand including shows on the main stage of the Wellington Folk Festival, live to air performances locally and nationally (ABC Radio), national airplay for their new video clip 'The Old Captain', and most recently, January's east coast tour and standout performances at the Illawarra Folk Festival (NSW).

The double bill for the 5<sup>th</sup> February show also features festival favourites Spiral Dance, known for their captivating and uplifting songs of magic, myth and legend. The 6-piece band formed in 1992 to explore some of the more mystical elements in life, using haunting lyrics and a host of carefully arranged instruments to blend acoustic folk-rock with lush Celtic harmony.

This multi-award winning group has been their playing rousing, high-energy music to enthusiastic audiences throughout Australia and beyond for over a decade, including two tours to America as well as a huge range of Australia's best folk festivals in QLD, ACT, VIC, NSW and SA. Spiral Dance's brand new CD is now available, having been launched at the Florida Pagan Gathering during the band's "Beyond the Mist USA Tour" for Beltaine 2010.

For the first time, Brillig & Spiral Dance will share the stage in the Singing Gallery's converted church, and it couldn't be a more complimentary lineup. Expect spellbinding storytelling brought to life by the lush sounds of accordion & strings, intoxicating guitar & banjo, potent bass and dynamic percussion, Americana autoharp & harmonica, and much more.

There will be cabaret-style seating in this intimate venue, and BYO drinks and supper (bar facilities available). Bookings are advised to avoid disappointment.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

BRILLIG and SPIRAL DANCE

The Singing Gallery (33 Main Road McLaren Vale)

Doors Open 7:30 pm; Entry \$15 (\$10 conc)

Bookings: contact Dave Clark on 0413 358 618 or [dave@singinggallery.com.au](mailto:dave@singinggallery.com.au)

*"[Brillig's songs are] laden with a delicious air of tragedy and tenderness. Full of tender beauty that digs into the soul with unusual force."*  
- Mentenebre (Spain)

*"The most appropriate description [for Brillig] would be the offspring between Nick Cave and The Pogues"* - Side-Line (Belgium)

*"Spiral Dance's lyrics of magic and mysticism reach beyond the ordinary...deftly handled and obviously a labor of love and affection, the songs are wonderful in live performance, too..."* - Dirty Linen (USA)

*"[Spiral Dance create] music of mystery and intrigue, a joyful celebration of life..."* - Touchstone (UK)

*Come and enjoy a night of  
Murder Ballads, Sea Shanties, Moody Folk Tales  
& Songs of Magick Myth & Legend*

*with*

**BRILLIG**

*and*

**Spiral Dance**

*Saturday, 5th February  
The Singing Gallery,  
133 Main Road, McLaren Vale  
Doors Open: 7.30pm  
Cost \$15.00 Adults  
\$10.00 Concession  
BYO Drinks & Supper*

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