



LANDLESS Lúireach

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DESCRIPTION

Folk music emerging from Dublin seems to be everywhere at the moment – demonstrated most clearly by **Lankum** gaining a host of "Album of the Year" nods at the end of 2023 – but it would be a mistake to call this a movement, much less any kind of revival. While Lankum, **John Francis Flynn**, **Ye Vagabonds**, **Lisa O'Neill** et al might be new to a lot of audiences, these artists have been exploring and expanding what folk music can be for years, decades even. And this is just as true of **Landless**, the quartet who've been singing together since 2013, finding each other through the traditional singing scene in the city and, crucially, the Sacred Harp singing community. Working once again with **John "Spud" Murphy** (the Lankum producer and **ØXN** member), *Lúireach* sees the quartet adding sparingly-used instrumentation – **Ruth**'s aching pump organ on "Death & The Lady," **Méabh**'s shruti box on "Ej Husari," Lankum's **Cormac MacDiarmada** on fiddle, viola and banjo throughout, even some mournful trombone from **Alex Borwick** on "The Newry Highwayman." The songs for the album were gathered over a number of years, Ruth explains, and while the melody and lyrics are paramount, there is a common theme for many of the inclusions. *Lúireach* is an album of quiet power, soaked in tradition but finding new and exciting ways to present these remarkable songs, songs that are full of melancholy, love, death and mystery. *Lúireach* rewards your close attention.

TRACKLISTING

01. The Newry Highwayman
02. Blackwaterside
03. Lúireach Bhríde
04. The Fisherman's Wife
05. The Grey Selkie of Sule Skerry
06. Death & the Lady
07. The Hag
08. My Lagan Love
09. The Wounded Hussar
10. Ej Husari

HIGHLIGHTS

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- RIYL: **Lankum**, **John Francis Flynn**, **Ye Vagabonds**, **Lisa O'Neill**.

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