

St Andrew's Day is Ladies' Day



Celebrate St Andrew's Day at the Bongo Club in the company of two of Scotland's best female singer-songwriting talents. Andi Neate and Sophie Bancroft are both outstanding folk/jazz singers with distinctive individual styles. The evening promises to be fun, flirty and feisty!

Andi Neate is a singer/songwriter of exceptional talent and a powerful voice. She is a compelling live performer, who has been compared with Suzanne Vega and Ani DiFranco. Recent appearances include Prague Festival, Cambridge Fringe Festival, The Famous Spiegeltent, Wickerman and Solas Festivals and support for Rab Noakes. She has released 3 CDs, including 2005's *Paper Animals*, featuring a range of original songs about life and the road – from California Coffee Police Boxes to origami and sandcars. A woman of many talents and formidable determination, she once spent 3 years building her own house completely from scratch.

Sophie Bancroft is one of the most inventive and distinctive jazz/folk artists to emerge from Scotland in recent years. Her vocals are smooth, smoky and seductive. Having grown up in one of Scotland's leading jazz families and serving her apprenticeship in Edinburgh's jazz and folk scenes, Sophie's musical journey has taken in many sights and sounds including the South By Southwest Festival, Celtic Connections, Edinburgh and Glasgow International Jazz Festivals and Shetland Folk Festival. She has released 4 CDs, most recently the acclaimed *Hot and Cold*. Her music is featured in the hit TV drama *Six Feet Under*.

At the Bongo Club **Andi** will be performing with her full band – **Paul Gilbody** (double bass), **Lindsay West** (backing vox) and **Lauren Hayes** on the piano, with renowned Scottish cellist **Wendy Weatherby**. **Sophie** will be performing with regular collaborator Canadian bassist **Tom Lyne**.

Comperer for the evening is comedian **Viv Gee** who has appeared at T in the Park and Glasgow's Hogmanay and supported Jo Brand, Mark Thomas and Henry Rollins amongst others. TV and radio appearances include *Revolver*, *The Key*, *Velvet Soup*, The BBC Open Mic Awards, *the Today Programme* and *Cover Stories*. Support at the Bongo Club is provided by Edinburgh's **James Lowe** - acoustic melancholy tinged with a droll sense of humour.

Andi and Sophie will play another 2 dates as double bill solo performers when they tour to the Ceilidh Place, Ullapool and new venue The Old Brewery in Cromarty. Don't miss a rare opportunity to see these two stunning performers on the same bill.

For more press information, interviews, review tickets, photos, CDs etc please call Morag Neil on 0131 557 5918 or 0771 288 0965

Music samples & info: www.andineate.co.uk & www.sophiebancroft.co.uk

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Listings

Andi Neate & Sophie Bancroft

Thur 30 Nov 8pm £7/£5	The Bongo Club , Holyrood Road, Edinburgh <i>Special Guests: Viv Gee, James Lowe</i>	tel 0131 228 8844
Fri 8 Dec 9pm £6 or £10(with supper)	The Old Brewery Cromarty	tel 01381 600277
Sat 9 Dec 8.30pm	The Ceilidh Place , Ullapool	tel 01854 612103

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