



# ADAM HOLMES: Debut Album *Heirs and Graces* Longlisted for Scottish Album of the Year Award

We are delighted to announce that *Heirs and Graces* – the debut album by 23 year old singer songwriter Adam Holmes - has been longlisted for the Scottish Album of the Year Award.

The 20-strong longlist was announced on 24 Apr and is generally acknowledged as the strongest list the award has seen yet, including established acts such as **Biffy Clyro**, **Mogwai**, **Edwyn Collins** and **the Pastels**.

Vic Galloway, SAY Award Host said:

***"All 20 deserve your attention and investigation, representing the artistic cream of the crop from this extremely talented land"***

Adam Holmes commented: ***'It is a privilege to be longlisted for this prestigious award, alongside such a wealth of exceptional musicians'***

*Heirs and Graces* was produced by music legend **John Wood** (responsible for seminal albums by John Martyn, Nick Drake, Sandy Denny and many more), who brings his signature balance of space, perspective, clarity and warmth to Holmes' debut. The album features 10 original songs, with lyrics that resonate like old folk songs, set to melodies rooted in haunting slow airs.

Edinburgh-born **Adam Holmes** is one of the brightest rising stars on the Scottish music scene, with influences from either side of the Atlantic. Mixing trad, folk and Americana, he has built up an impressive reputation in just a few years.

Finalist - **Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year** (2009)

Finalist - **BBC Young Folk Award** (2010)

Winner (with Rura) - **Up and Coming Act of the Year** (2011 Scots Trad Music Awards)

Nominated (with Rura) - **Radio 2 Folk Awards Horizon** prize 2013

Nominated (Adam Holmes and the Embers) - **Up and Coming Act of the Year** (2013 Scots Trad Music Awards)

2014 is already looking bright with upcoming dates including **1 of only 5 showcases** for new talent at the prestigious **Cambridge Folk Festival** on Sat 2 Aug. Other dates include Shetland Folk Festival (1-4 May) a showcase at Edinburgh's Queens Hall (5 May), Northern Roots Festival (31 May, performing with Rachel Sermanni and Aoife O'Donovan).

*Heirs and Graces* has been extremely well received so far, with several **"Pick of the Month"** selections, comparisons to John Martyn and Joni Mitchell, and repeatedly described in reviews as **"classy," "assured", "captivating"** and **"never off my turntable"**. It was described by respected music journalist Colin Irwin as **"the sort of album that seeps gracefully into your soul with such conviction you know this 23-year-old singer songwriter from Edinburgh is the real deal"**

For more press information, interviews, hi res photos, CDs, press tickets etc, please call **Morag Neil** on **0771 288 0965** (email **scarybiscuits1@hotmail.com**)

## LISTINGS

<b>1-4 May</b>	<b>Shetland Folk Festival</b>	
<b>5 May</b>	<b>Queens Hall, Edinburgh</b>	Showcase for North American Irish and Celtic Festival Organisations
<b>31 May</b>	<b>Eden Court, Inverness</b>	Northern Roots festival
<b>16-19 July</b>	<b>Hebridean Celtic Festival</b>	
<b>2 Aug</b>	<b>Cambridge Folk Festival</b>	Showcase

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