

Dean Owens & The Celtabilly Allstars: *Settin' The Woods On Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)*

3 Nights Only –

Southern Fried Festival + Glasgow + Queen's Hall (Edinburgh Fringe)

One of Scotland's best... fantastic stuff... "Whispering" Bob Harris

Scotland's most engaging and haunting singer-songwriter... Irvine Welsh

Dean Owens is one of Scotland's best loved troubadours. *Settin' the Woods on Fire* is his tribute to one of his favourite singer songwriters, Hank Williams aka the Hillbilly Shakespeare.

Settin' the Woods on Fire started in Shetland (Mar 2016) when Owens was asked to tune up his "Hank howl" and curate and lead a tribute show to Hank Williams. The sell-out success of those shows led to an invitation from the prestigious Southern Fried Festival and The Queen's Hall (Edinburgh) for Dean to devise a smaller version which could travel south. *Settin' the Woods on Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)* will perform for 3 nights only and include a number of special guests – Glasgow singer songwriter **Martha Healy** (at the Glad Café) and two of Shetland's finest – singer songwriter **Sheila Henderson** (who has supported the likes of Steve Earle and Albert Lee) and fiddler **Bryan Gear** (a student of the late great Willie Hunter and described by Aly Bain as 'one of Shetland's finest young fiddle players') – at the Queen's Hall.

The Celtabilly Allstars are ace double bassist **Kevin McGuire** and lap steel guitar maestro **Stuart Nisbet** - two of Scotland's best honky tonk musicians (and long term collaborators of Dean's from his days with acclaimed Scottish country band **The Felsons**). The three have recently also recorded a new album, titled *Setting the Woods on Fire (Songs I Learned From Hank)*, a limited edition of which will be available after the shows. Following the pattern of his successful *Cash Back* album from 2012, the CD includes one original Dean Owens song.

If the good lord's willing and the creek don't rise, they'll raise the roof a little higher, and set the woods on fire, as they celebrate the work of one of America's most revered songwriters.

Hank Williams is one of the most influential musicians in the American songbook, who despite his untimely death at the age of just 29 on New Year's Day 1953 – and with little more than four years at the top of his profession - was responsible for such timeless classics as *Your Cheatin' Heart*, *You Win Again*, *Jambalaya*, *Cold Cold Heart*, *Hey Good Lookin'*, and *I Saw the Light* among many others. He was the subject of a recent Hollywood biopic starring Tom Hiddleston and Elizabeth Olsen (which coincidentally featured Michael Rinne (who also played on Dean's most recent album, the acclaimed Nashville-recorded *Into the Sea*) on bass).

Dean Owens is one of Scotland's finest singer songwriters, with fans including Bob Harris, Ricky Ross, Irvine Welsh and Russell Brand. His songs including *Raining in Glasgow* and *Man From Leith* have been hailed as classics of Scottish songwriting. As well as the three *Settin' the Woods on Fire* shows he is touring with his own material and band throughout the summer, including opening for **Gretchen Peters** at SummerTyne Festival, for **Jason Isbell** at Edinburgh's Liquid Room and a series of shows as special guest with triple Americana Music Association Award winners **Danny and the Champions of the World** in September. A deluxe version of *Into the Sea* is scheduled for release in mid September.

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LISTINGS

Dean Owens & The Celtabilly Allstars: *Settin' the Woods on Fire (Songs of Hank Williams)*

Sun 31 Jul Salutation Hotel, Southern Fried Festival, Perth

Tue 2 Aug Glad Cafe, Glasgow
(with special guest Martha Healy)

Wed 24 Aug The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (Edinburgh Fringe)
(with special guests Sheila Henderson and Bryan Gear)

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