

## **SOME RECENT PRESS/MEDIA COMMENTS ABOUT RIBBON ROAD**

*'When I first saw Ribbon Road I was completely bowled over by their music. Brenda's songs are filled with compassion, sorrow, hope and anger all in equal measure. The anger is mostly aimed at those who profit from the pain of others. In my humble opinion, like Ewan Carruthers, she's a rare and relatively unknown giant of song-writing and Ribbon Road's album 'Roadside Dreams' is an absolute gem.'*

**Mike Harding- Folk Show No. 39 September 2013**

*'I took the disc home and put it on the CD player and I've got to tell you something.....I don't think I can remember a time when I was so completely engrossed, impressed, entranced - I do believe that this song is very special indeed – from the CD 'Roadside Dreams' by Ribbon Road, the beautiful voice of Brenda Heslop – I just think this is simply amazing' ....* **Mike Harding Radio 2**

*"Ribbon Road is songwriter Brenda Heslop and her husband Geoff (famed producer of many classic releases). They sing in perfect balance and gentle close harmony on Brenda's acutely personal songs. Tender, intimate and haunting, these songs are genuinely moving and all the better for using absolutely minimal instrumental settings".* - **fRoots**

*"Songwriter Brenda Heslop has a secret, and she will whisper it in your ear: but a shocking secret, and its effect on you is much greater than you expect from a whisper. True, Brenda's secrets are in song, but the effect of her quiet vocals and harmonies with husband Geoff whacks you in the lughole and makes you pay attention.* - **The Living Tradition**

*"Brenda is one classy writer and vocalist - her albums are slow burners that reveal their charms on repeated exposure..."* - **Rock and Reel**

*Another excellent album. The CD is firmly rooted in the Tommy Armstrong North Eastern tradition yet a very modern contribution – maintaining another folk tradition.* **The Link**

*"Fabulous – Do you know there's some kind of music makes your heart swell – it pulls your shoulders back and it makes you look up, you know, if you're feeling a bit low. That's just such music, I think it's great, a beautiful album, I couldn't recommend it more highly."* **Frank Hennessey, 'Celtic Heartbeat' BBC Wales**

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