

Press Information

"a one man folk industry"

BBC Radio 2

Pete has been a professional musician since 1971, playing at festivals concerts, clubs, dances & schools throughout Britain, Europe, Asia, New Zealand & USA . During the '70s he toured and recorded with Chris Coe, was a member of the legendary New Victory Band & with Nic Jones, Tony Rose and again, Chris Coe, he was a member of Bandoggs. In the late '80s and early '90s he toured and recorded with Red Shift but since 1985 he's mainly worked as a soloist & earned an enviable reputation.

His strong, distinctive voice is enhanced by his instrumental versatility, the ringing strings of his bouzouki, the sweet chords of his mountain dulcimer, the plaintive frailing banjo & the pulsing reeds of his melodeon. He's also a country dance caller, creator & band musician. He sings, plays & step dances, sometimes all at once!

"it may be easier and quicker to list the talents that Pete Coe doesn't have."

Andy Kershaw, BBCworld

"One of the most important folk artists in Britain"

MOJO

"Pete Coe in many ways represents the backbone of the modern folk revival. A fine solo performer and an energetic activist for the scene as well, founding Ryburn 3 Step, running folk clubs, dances and workshops in Ripponden and beyond while also teaching music and dancing in schools. He's still one of the most committed, most versatile, most important folk artists in Britain."

Colin Irwin MOJO

"Every aspiring young performer needs to watch this man whose driving, footstomping delivery on a variety of instruments and outstanding voice is an object lesson in regard-for-your-audience basics."

Paul Davenport, English Dance & Song magazine

Latest CD "backbone" BASH CDS7

"This outstanding album ably demonstrates that not only is his strength undiminished, his hunger for exploring the music and presenting it in new and interesting ways is as keen as ever."

fROOTS

"Each song is rejuvenated by Pete's approach – and he even allows himself a little rewriting and always to the song's advantages. He treats songs and tunes as trusted friends and they return the compliment. Each Pete Coe release over four decades has been a rewarding discovery and, more importantly, a welcome place to return to many a time and often."

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