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Press Release – for immediate release

### **The legendary folk band, the Fairport Convention, return to Worthing for their 55th Anniversary!**

Fairport Convention have been entertaining music lovers for over half a century, with 2022 being their 55th anniversary. Fans of the band will rejoice in hearing that they are returning to Worthing as part of their Winter Tour which will take place at the Connaught Theatre, Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7:30pm.

This year's Winter Tour will present a mix of long-established Fairport favourites and some surprises from old and new albums including their latest, *Shuffle & Go*, which was released just before 'lockdown' in 2020. When it comes to the Fairport classics, the band have reworked the songs to fit their style now, with Simon Nicol singing lead vocals, rather than trying to imitate the originals.

Commenting on how the band has transformed over the years, The Guardian said how the Fairport Convention were "*Stuffing their set with a surprising amount of new material for a vintage act, Fairport are still clearly having fun and brought the house down.*"

The band has attracted critical acclaim: winning a coveted BBC Lifetime Achievement Award. Radio 2 listeners voted Fairport's ground-breaking album *Liege & Lief* 'The Most Influential Folk Album of All Time'; and their story has been celebrated with a major documentary on Sky Arts television.

The Fairport Convention features Simon Nicol on guitar and vocals, Dave Pegg on bass guitar, Chris Leslie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, Ric Sanders on violin and Gerry Conway on drums and percussion. Whether you are a long-time fan or a newcomer to their music, an evening with Fairport Convention is sure to surprise and delight you.

Joining them as a special guest on the night is Luke Jackson. Luke is an enigmatic and powerful singer songwriter from Kent drawing on his experiences, family life and poignant stories. He won the Album of the Year award 2019 from Fatea for his album; "Journals", along with Male Artist Of The Year in 2014 and 2016.



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**The Fairport Convention** are playing at the Connaught Theatre on Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7:30pm. Tickets are available from £28.00 (standard) and £30.00 (boxes). For more information on this or any of the events, visit [www.wtm.uk](http://www.wtm.uk) or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

*"There's always something new to admire, even in the most familiar of their songs." - At The Barrier, 2021*

*"Fairport is an institution, a festival, purveyors of memories, and keepers of the folk flame. But most of all they are brilliant live band." - Folk & Tumble*

*"Luke Jackson is one of the most dynamic and exciting live performers of his generation" – Folk Raido*

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### EVENT LISTING

#### Fairport Convention

Date: Thursday 17 February 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Connaught Theatre, Union Pl, Worthing BN11 1LG

Tickets: £28.00 (standard) £30.00 (boxes)

Link: [www.wtm.uk/events/fairport-convention/](http://www.wtm.uk/events/fairport-convention/)

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