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Press Release – for immediate release

### **Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage head to Worthing following the release of their new album *Ink of the Rosy Morning*.**

Since emerging in 2016, Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage have been defying all conventions of style, genre and compartmentalisation. This seemingly unlikely duo have recorded two studio albums, *Before the Sun* (2016) and *Awake* (2018), produced by award-winning producer David Travers-Smith in Toronto, both praised for the crafting and skill of their musical writing and arranging. They have toured the UK, North America and mainland Europe, enrapturing audiences at shows and on festival stages alongside Americana and folk luminaries such as Sarah Jarosz, Martin Simpson, Seth Lakeman and Oh Susanna. They also appeared at the West Java World Music Festival, Indonesia in 2019.

Hannah Sanders has an alluring mystique and a voice of disarming purity that massages your senses with gentle ease. Ask her nicely and she will discuss witchcraft, tarot cards and her adventures in a family band busking through Europe in an old school bus.

Ben Savage is a bubbling ferment of energy, all fluffy hair, unkempt charm and infectious enthusiasm who will seemingly play any instrument you care to put in front of him with grace and favour. Ask him nicely and he will debate any musical tradition you care to mention and will tell you all about the dobro and his adventures with the band The Willows.

On the face of it, you can't imagine this duo summoning enough common ground for an afternoon chat over a cup of rhubarb juice, let alone make astonishing, original music together. Ask someone to describe their music or say who they sound like ... and they will be bereft of words.

'Americana', some yelp. Yeah, maybe there's a bit of that, but at other times they sound quintessentially English. Oh, then they must be British folkies, comes the cry. Sort of, but not really, because they do all this other stuff rooted in American music too. Shall we just call them traditional? Not at all. They may incorporate various traditions, but they play contemporary music and have their own unique writing style too.

After all, who puts English songs together with mountain dulcimer and dobro? Or incorporates ghost stories, blues, Northumbrian music, electric guitar, Woody Guthrie, murder ballads, Billy Bragg, human seals, old time songs, the Stockholm Archipelago, hangings, Appalachia, new moons, Joan Baez,



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cowboys, railway journeys, street singers and Cambridge into one mesmerising explanation of their musical philosophy? Not your average acoustic duo, that's for sure.

Playful and instinctive, they constantly do the unexpected; yet they do it with such panache and natural chemistry it makes perfect sense. They are true originals, that's all there is to it. Distinctive. Innovative. Ground-breaking. Unique.

**"Flawless' Folk Picks of the Month"** - *The Guardian*

**"Beautiful- just magical, dreamy and gorgeous"** - *BBC Radio 3 InTune*

**Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage** will be performing at the Pavilion Atrium on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7:30pm Tickets are available from £14.50. 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.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

#### WTM

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram: @wtmworthing

Website: [www.wtm.uk/](http://www.wtm.uk/)

Box Office Phone: 01903 206 206

#### Show

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@hannahsandersbensavage2091>

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### EVENT LISTING

Date: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Pavilion Atrium

Price: From £14.50

Age guidance: All

Link: <https://wtm.uk/events/hannah-sanders-ben-savage/>

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