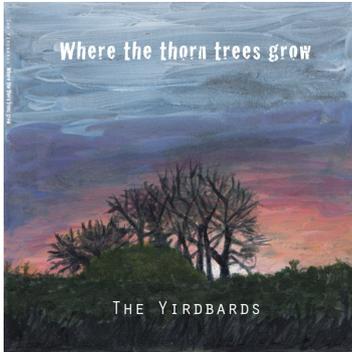


Where the Thorn Trees Grow

The Yirdbards

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Soulful vocals, rippling guitars and sonorous strings combine in a second, finely crafted album from the Wiltshire trio



Paul Darby and the Yirdbards' newly released second album *Where the Thorn Trees Grow* is already stirring hearts. The songs have a strong spiritual power, often drawing on man's potent relationship with nature, the earth and society. Many of the songs are written by local writers and close friends including **Mike Scott** and **Peter Please**, but others, such as *Riversong* and *I Am The Land*, are by the Lake District songsmith **Paul Metsers** who delves deep into the question of what it is to be human.

The Yirdbards lead singer **Paul Darby** first came to prominence in the early '70s as one half of the duo **Windfall**, and over the ensuing years he used his musical talent to raise thousands of pounds for Greenpeace. In the '80s he became frontman for the R&B band the Dubious Brothers, but has more recently returned to his love of acoustic music. 'I sing' he says, 'because it gives me pleasure. With the Yirdbards' line up of cello and acoustic guitars, there's more space for intimacy and subtlety. It's more intricate. I just hope that people will be moved by our music in some way'.

The music of the Yirdbards strives to reconnect us with the land and remind us that, as its stewards, we have a collective responsibility for its safe keeping.

This album follows the Yirdbards highly successful debut *I Will Sing You This Song* which received airplay on both national and local radio, including BBC Radio 2's **Bob Harris**, BBC Radio 3's **Late Junction** and BBC Radio Gloucestershire's **Johnny Coppin**.

2012 dates included: **Purbeck Folk Festival**, **The Village Pump**, **Treefest**, **Westbury Festival**, amongst many more.

The Yirdbards are:

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