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IVA BITTOVA & JEFIS DUO

IN
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9 May 2025 7pm

Didsbury Baptist Church
Manchester M20 6SX



10 May 2025 7pm

St Philip's Church
London Earl's Court W8 6QH



Legendary singer and violinist Iva Bittová in a joint concert with violinist Pavel Fischer and accordionist Jakub Jedlinsky. A captivating world music combining influences of Moravian, Balkan, Jewish, Irish and Roma music.

"My approach to music is based on contact with nature. What really inspires me is absolute silence and a completely positive atmosphere...." Iva Bittová

"In today's divided world full of uncertainty, discord, anger and stupidity, when we seek light and love, or just common human decency, music can be that beacon. It knows no boundaries, it doesn't judge, it just sounds, consoles and heals." Duo Jedlinský - Fischer

IVA BITTOVA

Iva Bittová is a Czech avant-garde violinist, singer, and composer renowned for blending rock, Eastern European folk, and experimental sounds.

Initially trained as an actress, she transitioned to music in the 1980s, studying violin and developing a distinctive vocal style.

Throughout her career, Bittová has released eight solo albums, collaborated with leading musicians, and delved into classical and avant-garde genres. Her performances are known for their expressive vocals and dynamic movement.

JEFIS DUO

JAKUB JEDLINSKY & PAVEL FISCHER

The energetic duo crosses the boundaries of musical genres with ease and brings a captivating fusion of world music, classical music and jazz.

Jakub Jedlinský, accordionist and bandoneonist, studied in Pardubice, Pilsen, and Denmark. An award-winning musician, he has performed at top venues like Concertgebouw Amsterdam. He founded the Escualo Quintet, focusing on Argentine tango, and collaborates with groups like Bardolino and GaRe.

Pavel Fischer studied violin in Prague, winning the 1988 International Chamber Music Competition. He co-founded the Škampa Quartet in 1989, earning top awards and performing worldwide. A distinguished violinist, he has collaborated with renowned musicians and frequently broadcasted for the BBC.

Iva Bittová is a rare talent. She has developed a personal idiom and vocabulary that is almost entirely her own. Her sound, her very personal language, forged from the union of violin and voice, cannot be categorized yet is immediately recognizable. Bittová is, quite simply, inimitable.

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While [Iva Bittova] does this sort of incredible stuff, she moves, smiles, makes eye contact with the audience and generally behaves like the most charming and eccentric pop singer ever. She's as adorable as she is amazing, and the audience exploded with affectionate applause for her at the end of the concert.

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The energetic and perfectly matched virtuoso duo easily crosses the boundaries of musical genres in their original compositions. ... their fusion of world music, classical music and jazz is absolutely dazzling.

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Duo Jedlinský-Fischer proved to be perfectly synchronized, delivering a performance full of harmony and passion.

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