



Constant Billy

Reviews

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"A new day has dawned. There's a new band in the neighborhood, **Constant Billy**. Featuring artists formerly of Furagh Larq and Nobody's Reel, this group brings to the stage an incredible, eclectic repertoire of intricate harmonies, fine instrumentals and stuff you just don't hear every day."

- *TRADITIONS*



"**Constant Billy** raises the bar for performers! Without the aid of a modern sound system, Bill and Emily gathered the audience at close quarters and charmed all present with their charm, wit and great musical talent. **Constant Billy** held their audience fascinated by their performance. Emily sang and played with the innocent sounds of angels while Bill's sly lyrics and songs drew smiles from everyone. There are no finer two performers in Houston in their specialty. **Constant Billy** is a treasure for our city and hopefully their value and talent will be recognized by all who may ever hear them perform."

-*Richard E. Mc Ginty, Director, Celtic Chorus of Houston*



"These guys are probably the best all-around-folk-a cappella singers in Houston, and they are veterans of several different groups."

-*Jen Hamel of CLANDESTINE*



Though often lumped for convenience in the Celtic category, Houston's **Constant Billy** is more accurately described as pan-British folk. Irish, Scottish and Welsh tunes constitute just a fraction of their repertoire; they work in old English ballads and sea shanties as well. How many other Celtic bands have mastered tunes of the Channel Islands, those forgotten British bailiwicks off the coast of France known today only to the super-rich as tax havens? Bill Galbraith's hilarious between-songs banter can bring you out of the dumps of even the bloodiest Scots border ballad."

-*John Nova Lomax, HOUSTON PRESS*



"**Constant Billy** is a vibrant, talented and exciting group, well worth seeing in a live performance. I can't wait to get a copy of their first album."

-*Tom Schwerdt, Celtic Core KEOS*



"**Let Me In,**" the long awaited CD by **Constant Billy**, that dynamic duo of Bill Galbraith & Emily Standish, is finally here! and worth the wait. 15 great tracks and about 45 minutes of wonderful music. The songs while traditional are not the ones usually seen on Celtic albums. The CD showcases the incredible voice of Emily Standish, a powerful voice that conveys purity, wistfulness and beauty. My personal favorite is "Calon Lan" (The Shining Heart) which never fails to move me; it is sung in both Welsh and English. Bill's good humor and mellow baritone round out the selections. The cover art is a long shadow of Bill & Emily -appropriate since folk music coming down to us through the ages "casts a long shadow" as do Emily & Bill in Houston! and now the rest of the world can enjoy their music through this CD.

-*Dianna Shipman, Coordinator, GATHERING OF THE CELTS*