

***The Bookshop Band will be performing at Bishops Wood Centre
on Thursday 25th. October at 7.30 pm***

The Bookshop Band are the musical offspring of an artistic love-affair between a group of award winning songwriters and an independent bookshop in the UK, Mr B's Emporium of Reading Delights. The songs are the musical outpouring of the band's own response to books they have read.

Between them Beth Porter and Ben Please bring the books to the stage along with a multitude of instruments, which, along with their distinct voices, create a cinematic sound that draws the audience right in to a highly intimate performance; touching and mesmerising, heart wrenching and often funny.

With beguiling charm these quite unfairly talented musicians distil the essence of their reading - no novel too daunting, no book too big, no genre too intimidating - into beautiful, delicately crafted four-minute folk-pop songs. In a very special evening, their literary kaleidoscope of words and music draws you in and takes you somewhere really fabulous.

Beth Porter (Cello, vocals, ukulele, recorder and 'dodgy' clarinet) and - Benedict Peter Alfred Please (guitar, glockenspiel, vocals, ukulele and harmonium) are critically acclaimed, award-winning songwriters/composers. They have produced 13 albums in 8 years. Their music is touching, mesmerizing, heart-wrenching and funny all at once.

Together they create a musical outpouring of personal responses to books they have discovered at Mr B's Emporium of Reading Delights in Bath. Using their mix of instruments and distinct vocals, they attempt to evoke what it was about the book that most resonated with them through original folk/ pop songs. They even travel with a mobile bookshop in case you discover your new favourite!

They have collaborated with some of the biggest names in the literary world, including:

- Philip Pullman, Yann Martel, Louis de Bernieres, Joanne Harris and Ben Okri.

This show is suitable for 9 years + and lasts 120 minutes + interval . It is part of the Shindig Rural Arts programme.

Tickets: *Adults £10, FOBW £8, Concession £8*

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