



Northern Nashville Country Music Club announces

STAR FEST

It is somewhat of an oversight when we rave about Irish and American country music artists when our own home grown artists are as good as any! Over the years, some of Scotland's own have reached incredible heights in the musical industry with worldwide recognition. Northern Nashville CMC has decided it's time to honour its local artists and celebrate the achievements of the far north Scotland country greats by holding an all-day event, aptly titled STAR FEST on April 11th, 2020 (Easter Saturday).

And what a line up it has pulled out of the memory bank!

Alan Miller, the Club Chairman, said there is no headline act in this show; they are all headline acts in their own right and STAR FEST is going to allow us to take a look back at their achievements and celebrate them all – in Northern Nashville style!

In no particular order:

The long-awaited reunion of SILVER! It has been over 20 years since Colin, Jocky, Willie and Donnie played the circuit. The band was highly regarded as one of the best around at the time. They played all over the UK and won many awards and accolades. Their reunion, for a one off event for NNCMC STAR FEST, is sure to raise a few eyebrows and kindle great memories!

Another, and even longer, awaited reunion see THE COASTERS return to stage; well let's say it's even more than 20 years! Willie, George and Dennis are keen to showcase their talent and demonstrate that, no matter how far technology has come, they still can outshine electronics! "Keeping Country Music Live". The "boys" didn't hesitate when asked if they would do this one show. It's going to be a reunion, not only of the band, but the founding members of NNCMC. They were there right at the beginning when the club was formed, as was John Brown who is Silver's "5th member" as he likes to put it (their Manager).

GEORDIE JACK and FAMILY band are also on the bill and if we're talking about reaching the heights in country music, Geordie is a giant! It's not too long since Geordie and the band "The Jacks" stopped doing the circuit. Kevin and Trevor are going to return to accompany George with more of the family. They are sure to roll out some of the Colorado songs that are known worldwide. You can be sure that the crowd will be "Making Friends" in true Jack family style.

MANSON GRANT and The DYNAMOS are still on the circuit and as virtuoso as ever, and will be performing for us. Manson and Robert are artists who have performed more than any other at the Northern Nashville CMC and are sure to get a warm welcome back from the audience. Manson Grant and the Dynamos are a worldwide brand that has played just about anywhere you can

imagine. "Been there; done that, and doing it again" could well be their motto! This band has over the years introduced, learned and bettered so many. The number of great artists who have played in the Dynamos is a tribute to Robert and Manson. Perhaps that could be a theme for a show all on its own!

THE DUKE BOYS, who stormed all over Europe and filled the dance and music halls, will be there on the day too! Nigel Slater, the band leader, has been with them all the way through and George Malcolm has been there with him. The band is still doing the circuit and still filling the venues. Their style of country and banter certainly is appreciated in the club. Another great band located right here in northern Scotland.

One solo artist who certainly is making a name for himself, both on the internet and social media, is also well known for his playing and singing in Slange Ava and The Dynamos. KEITH MACLEOD is taking to the stage solo and acoustic! This guy is so talented and has a voice that Vince Gill would proud of. When playing with these bands, Keith has probably been in every club and theatre in the land. His album of songs penned by his father "Dirty Ashtrays" launched him as a solo artist.

THE KATE BAIN BAND has been playing the clubs for many years starting out as Kate Bain and Candy. Kate and Richard are well known to country music fans all over Scotland and Kate's strong distinctive voice sets her apart from run of the mill vocalists. The band, like The Dynamos, has over the years had several artists play in it; Andy Polson and Addy Harper, to name just a couple of other local talents. The Kate Bain band will be on the STARFEST stage and will ensure it's not an all-male show!

The other lady on the bill is NANCY FOGGO; some will remember her as Nancy Robertson. She will be backed by Manson Grant and The Dynamos. Nancy played the north circuit for many years either in bands or solo and has even performed on Top of The Pops!! Although she assures us, she was not in Pans People!! Nancy is delighted to be playing this show and says it's an honour to be invited. On the contrary, NNCCMC says it is honoured she has agreed to play.

New to NNCCMC, but not new to the Caithness music circuit, DOON MAJOR completes the bill. This band is for the newer (note: we didn't say younger!!) generation of country music fans. They are sure to show they are a talented group of musicians who are keen to reach the heights of the others on the bill and show country music is still very much "live and kickin'" in the far north of Scotland.

Northern Nashville CMC STAR FEST – Saturday 11th April 2020

Tickets are on sale now (£45 for NNCCMC members and £50 for non-members)

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