



Shirley Barr – Short Bio

Shirley Barr may be late to the table, but her recently discovered passion for compelling songwriting and performance shows she's earned her place. Quirky, insightful, and sumptuously layered, she melds beautiful melodies with novel lyrics to create soundscapes that leave you wanting more.

September 2024 saw the release of her debut EP, *Begin Began Begun*, from which the song *Little Thief* was awarded the Paul Tonberg songwriting shield at the 2024 Ardersier Folk Festival. She will return with a full set at the festival in 2025. Shirley was also delighted to be invited by Findhorn Bay Arts to open for Iona Lane during the recent multi-award-winning biennial Findhorn Bay Festival, forming a trio with brilliant local musicians Amy Henderson and Jamie MacRae for the occasion.

What will be next? Watch this space...

"What a fabulous record by Shirley and the matching video! Beautiful." **Mike Scott** (The Waterboys)

"Shirley's songwriting is intricate and understated. Her delivery is gentle and genuine, her sense of musicianship makes it hard to believe she has only been in the business for a relatively short time." **Ewan MacPherson** (Hushman, Salt House, Shooglenifty)

"Shirley is a cool new voice on the roots side of the Scottish music scene. Bound for greatness I'd say!" **Mattie Foulds** (Caribou Recording)