

Press Release

Blueflint



'Stories from home'

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March 2015 saw the release of Blueflint's third album '*Stories from Home.*'

Stories of relationships, parenthood and life in a home town form the thread running through this eclectic yet captivating album. With **Paul Savage** (King Creosote, *From Scotland with Love*, Mogwai) in the producer's chair, the album sees the band naturally evolving towards an alt folk flavour.

The sound of Blueflint is defined by the sublime close harmonies of **Deborah Arnott** and **Clare Neilson** whose voices are accompanied by a five-piece line-up intertwining banjos, fiddle, piano, electric guitar, double-bass and drums in raw, honest and beautifully-crafted songs, imbued with the power of Paul Savage's new direction in production for the band.

2015 has seen the band touring to promote 'Stories from home'. Blueflint also performed live at the BBC with performances on BBC Radio 2's 'Drivetime with Simon Mayo' and at 'The BBC Quay Sessions with Edith Bowman.'

'*This is a Story*' from 'BBC Quay Sessions': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxLWnD5I1B4>

'*Hawk & Eagle*' from 'BBC Quay Sessions': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBkiJiirvlg>

In previous years Blueflint supported **The Proclaimers** on their '*Like Comedy*' UK tour. Blueflint's atmospheric and evocative performances proved them to be a formidable live act gaining them a strong reputation and following throughout the UK.

"If you are going to **The Proclaimers** get there early to see **Blueflint.**" **Steve Lamacq BBC Radio 2**

After sell out shows two years running during the Edinburgh Festival fringe in 2012/2013, Blueflint were selected to perform as part of the prestigious '*Made in Scotland*' Showcase. Having been awarded funding from Creative Scotland in 2014, Blueflint recorded their third album at Chem 19 studios.

'Stories from home,' Press reviews and radio quotes

"An album, brimming with the joy of life, highlights are many...Neilson and co-conspirator Deborah Arnott's songwriting has blossomed... Seeker style harmonies... 'This is a story' will make your heart soar, destined to be one of the songs of the year." **R2**

"An engaging third album, with songs of life, love and parenthood delivered in often intimate close harmony vocals...intimate...joyful." **4 **** stars The Scotsman**

"A gorgeous harmony drenched third album...An album seeped in nostalgia, love and the joy of motherhood...Each song is sublime right to the last track. The duo just get better and better." **The Daily Record**

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"Considerable development in their sound, helped in no small part by the production work of Paul Savage at Chem 19 Studios...beautifully recorded, as are the vocals of the two songwriters... Don't make a fool out of me, which closes the album with lovely harmonies, cannot help but stand out." **The Herald**

"At the heart of Blueflint are the wonderfully matched voices of Clare Neilson and Deborah Arnott... They bring out the soul of a soulless environment and give voice to a thousand humdrum lives. Yet despite the subject matter, this is far from being a depressing album. On the contrary. This is a life-affirming piece, full of fantastic lyrics, great musicianship and more than a few wry smiles." **Fatea Records**

"Sharp, open hearted...evocative arrangements from the Leith-based alt-folkers. Refreshingly unadorned vocals and warmly interwoven banjo/ fiddle driven sound." **roots**

"What's not to love. Producer Paul Savage has been at the desk for most of the great records to emerge from Scotland...and this Blueflint record is really no exception." **BBC Radio Scotland: Roddy Hart show**

" 'Stories from home' is excellent. This new album...is a really, really lovely thing...great piece of work..best piece of work they've done...beautifully produced." **BBC Radio Scotland Tom Morton, Morton Through Midnight**

Live reviews

"...played impeccably and it was clear that Blueflint have incorporated elements of urban alt-folk and indie pop into their signature Americana/bluegrass sound. These heartwarming songs were lovingly crafted in Edinburgh and the pleasing traces of Scots accents in the vocals underscored the honesty, integrity and uncompromising nature of the narratives and lyrics. Clare Neilson and Deborah Arnott are both fine lead vocalists and their close harmonies are stunning.

This was a sparkling gig from Blueflint, whose fine songcraft and musicianship was enhanced further by the warmth and feelgood factor they generate in live performance. With gigs such as this and a critically-acclaimed new album, Blueflint seem set fair to widen their audience and fan-base further still." **Fatea**

Blueflint 'This is a story' from 'Stories from Home' video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvkiUawOW98>

Band info:

Blueflint are: Deborah Arnott and Clare Neilson.
Musicians on the album are: Deborah Arnott (vocals, banjo, ukulele), Clare Neilson (vocals, banjo). Danny Hart (guitar, mandolin, fiddle); James Lindsay (double bass); Davey MacAulay (guitar, piano, xylophone); Ali Murray (drums/percussion); Paul Savage (harmonium, piano)

Touring musicians: Deborah Arnott (vocals, banjo, ukulele, guitar, keyboard), Clare Neilson (vocals, banjo, keyboard). Roddy Neilson/ Dirk Ronnenburg (guitar, fiddle); Hugh Kelly (double bass); Ruairidh Saunders (drums/percussion)

For tour updates, a full biography and Press reviews for the band's previous albums

'*High Bright Morning*' (2009) and '*Maudy Tree*.' (2011) visit Blueflint at: www.blueflint.org.uk



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