

Scott & Maria - Full Bio

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Brighton (UK) based Scott & Maria create acoustic music straight from the heart, immersed in soulful harmonies. Their beautiful indie folk sound rouses the spirit and soothes the soul. They take great inspiration from nature and the human journey.

The duo have known each other since New Years Day 2010 when they each heard the other sing before they spoke. Both felt the familiarity of the other's voice, calling to join in harmony. The seed of musical union had been planted. As previous musical projects gradually receded, the jamming together slowly progressed into joint song-writing and gigs in and around London where they both then lived.

There are a wide range of influences and a strong Celtic strand running through the music, with Maria half Greek and raised in Athens and North London with two Irish grandparents, and Scott half Scottish raised in South West England with strong family ties to the North & East of England and Scotland. Both love the harmonic sounds of the 60s / 70s - Beatles, Kinks, Simon & Garfunkel etc. Influences are too numerous to give justice. They range from the harmonic folk and soul of 60s/70s to UK 80s art rock, straight through the many great American rock bands and female sirens of the 90s. Then into classical music, trance, drum and bass right through to the modern medicine / shamanic / new wave scene.

The duo's sound has been kindly compared to some of the legendary folk artists of the 60s: Joan Baez, Carole King, Simon & Garfunkel, Jefferson Airplane, Peter Paul & Mary and also some more contemporary indie folk / americana artists such as Civil Wars, Bon Iver, Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The Shires. It's also been described as:

Unapologetic, beguiling and utterly beautiful - Shindig Magazine

Universal music that makes you travel, and makes you visit unknown but beautiful worlds - Edgar Allan Poets

Like the best vibes of the sixties, wrapped up in energetic 90s indie-pop - Brighton Source

A beautiful beacon of musical light - Indie Music Centre

Be transported into the world of boundless love and harmony of nature - Indie Dock Music Blog

Their first recorded music was engineered by veteran maestro Steve Honest in London across 2015/16, and coincided with a move to Brighton on the South Coast. The move heralded an unprecedented flurry of writing and creativity, inspired by life surrounded by the rolling green hills of Sussex's South Downs and the coastline of the English Channel. Their first full length album 'Bright Star' was released in January 2017. The name was in part a tribute to the late David Bowie who had passed the day before we entered the studio for the first time (and posthumously released 'Blackstar') along with the city that had granted us a creative boon. The artist name of 'Scott & Maria' was now enshrined in print!

Many gigs followed, including appearances at the Green Fields of Glastonbury Festival (Permaculture & Banjo Stage), Sark Summer Festival, RhythmTree Isle Of Wight Festival, Never World Festival, Rawfest and The Half Moon in Putney. Second release 'Never Lost' EP was released in August 2019 and was recorded in 'The Roadee', a mobile recording studio in the back of a van. The 5 track EP contained the track 'This Land'; which was recorded and filmed live in one take at Firle Beacon, atop a hill in the South Downs of Sussex.

The live recorded performance can be viewed on our Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMNG3iJXm1o&ab_channel=Scott%26MariaMusic

The end of 2019 saw Scott & Maria enter the studio once more to record with Forbes Coleman of AudioBeach Studios, initially with studio time from winning the Brighton Songwriting Contest with the track 'Never Give Up'.

The pandemic year of 2020 sent the duo online and repeatedly back into the studio. A string of new connections were made with the musical community (UK and worldwide), with online appearances at festivals such as Into The Wild, Sacred Sound Festival, Campfire Connections, Spirit Fest. There was also a notable increase in the number of radio plays and Spotify listeners. As UK lockdowns eased, the duo were lucky to make physical appearances at such events as Medicine Festival, Sacred Sound Sunshine Festival, Spirit Fest and Wider Horizons. These appearances were treasured all the more, and the new connections strengthened by physical presence.

Their second full length album 'Wish Me Away' was released in December 2021. Two years in the making, it represents a gateway to another place. An eclectic sound journey with tracks that take us into the heart, through dream time and ancient landscapes. The album celebrates the beautiful planet we call home and is a call to return to our authentic selves, to rise and to love oneself, others and the planet. It features two other amazing musicians: accomplished classical pianist Vanessa Sanfilippo on piano from Paris (France) and the multi-talented Forbes Coleman on guitar/bass/production and lots more.

The album is available to stream and purchase on Bandcamp: <https://scottmaria.bandcamp.com/album/wish-me-away>



2022 will see the full digital release of the remaining songs from Wish Me Away - I Am The One, Soul Driver, Yes I Am. We will also be heading back into the studio to record songs such as 'Being Real', 'Ancestors (Only Love)' and 'Higher Higher'. There will also be a number of festival appearances.

Check the following link for the latest details:

(Visit www.facebook.com/scottandmariaduo/events for full & latest listings)

[Facebook](#) // [Instagram](#) // [Spotify](#) // [Twitter](#) // [Soundcloud](#) // [Bandcamp](#) // [YouTube](#) // [Linktree](#)

Upcoming Events (highlights):

Sussex Faerie Festival in Alfriston - May 20-22

Wild World Festival in Hay on Wye - May 27-30

Spirit Fest in Rye (Sussex) - August 11-14

We hope to add many more events in the coming weeks and months, visit www.facebook.com/scottandmariaduo/events for full & latest listings, and contact BrightStarAudio@gmail.com for bookings.

Videos:

This video provides a medley of some of the songs on the album: <https://youtu.be/mOH408Xfy4Q>

All I Am (Is Love): <https://youtu.be/KAot6CZXae0>

Live show at recent festival (Sunshine Festival) in Nov 2021: <https://youtu.be/TXAxNgY68A4>

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What people are saying:

"Universal music that makes you travel, and makes you visit unknown but beautiful worlds."
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"impeccable poetry ... a truly timeless sound." – FruitSonic

"Scott & Maria have created a beautiful beacon of musical light ... washing the world and its troubles away..... A very unique sound defined by its organic and honest feel ... shining their

light and positive energy through acoustic and folky songs with soulful messages.” – Luna Keller



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