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The UNTHANKS

formerly Rachel Unthank & The Winterset

2009 represents an exciting and adventurous time for the Mercury nominated Geordie band formerly known as Rachel Unthank & The Winterset.

Having established themselves as the most innovative and critically acclaimed English folk band in modern history, with admirers as disparate as members of Radiohead, Portishead, Robert Wyatt, Ben Folds, Nic Jones, Ewan McGregor and Nick Hornby, The Unthanks are ready to risk it all with another audacious step sideways. While the abbreviated name reflects the reality that the band is these days co-fronted by Rachel Unthank's sister Becky, the real development sees an extended line-up that includes string quartet, brass, percussion, tuned percussion, bass, and producer Adrian McNally taking on piano responsibilities from Stef Conner (who returns to a PHD). Winterset key member Niopha Keegan continues on violin.



Known for their timeless, unsentimental and quietly subversive tales of loss, fear, booze, brawls, abuse and sorrow, the new album 'Here's The Tender Coming' is, as the name suggests, a calmer, melancholic but warmer affair than the intense bleakness of its predecessor; *The Bairns* (which was nominated for the **Uncut Music Prize** and **Mercury Music Prize** as one of the top ten British albums of the year).

Forging links between folk worlds old, new and other, The Unthanks are the inheritors, curators and distorters of Tyneside's traditions. Don't miss the next chapter.

Tickets are £15 (£12.50 concessions) Box Office 01342 302000.
More information can be found on the Acoustic Sussex website.

Quotes - what others say:

"Intimate, epic, overflowing with feeling and musical intelligence." **The Independent**

"Music as tough as it is gentle, as ancient as it is modern, and as coldly desolate as it is achingly intimate... a sensationally graceful sound that can be epic and subdued, dreamy and specific, as well as supernaturally ancient and defiantly modern". **Observer Music Magazine**

"The Unthanks are in a really good place right now, making music that has moved from cruel beauty to human warmth." **R2 magazine Sept/Oct 2009**

What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that promotes quality singer/ songwriters and other acoustic musicians in the mid-Sussex area, using different venues. We encourage new and local talent by providing support slots for the main act and other opportunities such as 'open mic' evenings. Any profit we make from events is used for charitable purposes.