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For the attention of:

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**Tuesday 23 March 2010
at Chequer Mead, East Grinstead**



LAU

Support: Matthew Ord

Three times winners of Best Group at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards (including 'Best Group' in the recently announced 2010 awards), Lau are a formidable trio of three of the finest and most innovative exponents of modern traditional music in Britain today.

Their now infamous live shows are a must-see experience with an energy and musicianship that is spellbinding. The trio employ rising, epic song structures not usually associated with folk music; in fact, it's more akin to those on the leftfield of rock and jazz.

Highly regarded musicians in their own right, the combined talents of Kris Drever, Martin Green and Aidan O'Rourke make for a fantastic and all-conquering trio. It is no surprise they were once again triumphant at this year's BBC Folk Awards.



Support for this show is from the brilliant guitarist and singer, **Matthew Ord**, described by Americana magazine as "stone cold classic genius... ridiculously talented".

Tickets are £15 (£12 concessions) Box Office 01342 302000.
More information can be found on the Acoustic Sussex website.

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Quotes - what others say:

*"Creative and genre bursting" **** The Scotsman*

"Balancing frenzied hi-octane moments with those of aching beauty. Album of the Year" FROOTS

"A combined sense of style, adventure and fun that turns the album into an utter corker" Telegraph

*"Lau are so special" **** The Guardian*

"Lau's explosive live performances have been generating a major buzz around the UK folk circuit, and this brilliant debut confirms their standing as one of the most exciting new acts in years" Songlines 5/5

"...quite frankly the best band in the world right now" Channel 4 Music

What is Acoustic Sussex?

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LAU press information and band member biographies

Winner of 'Best Group' in BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2008, 2009 & 2010

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Three times winners of BEST GROUP at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Lau released their highly anticipated second album, 'Arc Light', in 2009. The follow up to their hit debut, 'Lightweights and Gentlemen', 'Arc Light' is Lau at their very best. A Collection of both traditional and self-penned songs which highlight their unique take on folk music.

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Lau employ rising, epic song structures not usually associated with Folk music and more akin to those on the leftfield of rock and jazz. The new album sees Kris Drever debut some of his own songs for the first time including the new radio single 'Wintermoon' and there is a special Mojo commissioned Beatles cover as a bonus track on the first pressing of Arc Light.

KRIS DREVER is an Orcadian multi-instrumentalist, from singing and guitar playing to banjo and double bass. Kris has done a myriad of different projects, quickly moving from traditional pub sessions to the gigging circuit, playing large tours of the United States and Chile with dance show Celtic Fusion. After leaving the show Kris began working with Fine Friday, and also worked as a session musician for a variety of artists including The Battlefield Band, John McCusker, Kathie Ryan, Harem Scarem, Clare Mclaughlin and with his father, folk singer and guitarist Ivan Drever. Since then Kris has toured much of Europe, Canada and Australia. He has also toured Canada with trumpeteer and fiddler Daniel Lapp and England, Ireland and Wales with folk superstar Kate Rusby.



Kris also performs with Eamonn Coyne and plays in the John McCusker band and Session A9.

"...huge abilities on guitar and a highly evolved contemporary singing style" Scotland on Sunday

MARTIN GREEN grew up playing English and Irish traditional music in the south of England. He has played with many of the great singers and players of English music including Martin Carthy, Norma Waterson, Kathryn Tickell, Linda Thompson, and a long-term collaboration with Eliza Carthy culminating in a duo album "Dinner" released to great acclaim in 2001. A keen interest in composition and more contemporary music lead to several theatre and performance based commissions including musical director for the huge outdoor show "Albatross" (2004) and work with jazz trumpeteer Colin Steele on a production of "The Little World of Don Camillo", which is still touring nationally. In the last year Martin has performed with John Rae's Celtic Feet, The Unusual Suspects, Salsa Celtica, The Felsons, and The Daniel Lapp trio.



"Martin Green is as virtuosic as he is entertaining." The Guardian

AIDAN O'ROURKE is a fiddle player and composer from Oban on the West Coast of Scotland. He has toured extensively in Europe and North America from the age of 15 and has made his name as one of Scotland's most expressive and dynamic musicians. At 19, Aidan formed Tabache with Claire Mann and went on to record the internationally acclaimed album 'Waves of Rush'. Aidan now performs with the hugely successful Blazin' Fiddles (Live Act of the Year 2004) and is a much sought after session musician, having performed on over 60 albums ranging from Runrig to Michael McGoldrick and Karen Mathieson. Recently he was nominated as 'Instrumentalist of the year' at the Scots Traditional Music Awards and recent commissions have included a piece entitled 'Mantra Alba' which welcomed the Dalai Lama to Scotland in June last year. Currently Aidan is musician in residence at the Tolbooth in Stirling. 'Sirius' is his first 'solo' album which evolved from a commission by Celtic Connections festival in 2003.



"O'Rourke underlined the sheer quality available in this band, with marvelous, soft toned articulation and apparently endless reserves of musicality." The Herald

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