

# Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh & Dan Trueman

## *Album Release Tour Dates*

for immediate release

**Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh**, fiddler with The Gloaming, and **Dan Trueman**, Professor of Music at Princeton University, release their brand new album at the end of September, and will play a number of concerts in Dublin, Clifden and Belfast.

The title of their album, "**Laghdú**" [pronounced "Lie, doo"], is an Irish word meaning a reduction, decrease, a lessening, and the music they have co-written pares things back to the absolute bare essentials. They stretch and abstract the genetic material of traditional Irish and Norwegian fiddle music to result in something totally new, sparse and stunning.

Both Caoimhín and Dan play unusual ten string fiddles (as opposed to the normal four) from Norway, five of which are 'sympathetic' strings that lend the sound a distinctive beauty and resonance.

The renowned composer **Donnacha Dennehy** describes it as being *"austerely elegant, spare, and evocative, there's not a note out of place. Yet nothing is predictable: looping phrases suddenly unfurl to produce incredibly beautiful melodies, meeting together in unusual harmonies between the two fiddlers."*

while sean-nós singer and member of the Gloaming, **Iarla Ó Lionáird** states it is *"possibly one of the most fulsome and beautiful recordings I have ever heard."*

The CD itself is a particularly beautiful object, designed by Rossi McAuley of Dublin design company Distinctive Repetition, and is available to purchase at **store.irishmusic.net**. If you prefer to download your music, Laghdú is available now on iTunes and Bandcamp.

According to the great Clare fiddler, **Martin Hayes**:

*"this music defies genre, it's just a beautiful, spacious and luscious soundscape. Everyone should hear this."*

And you can hear Caoimhín and Dan in concert on the following dates:

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| Sep 26th: | as part of Bottlenote Festival, North Great George's St, Dublin<br>Tickets €12/€10 :: <a href="http://www.bottlenotemusic.com">www.bottlenotemusic.com</a> |
| Sep 27th: | Seamus Ennis Centre, The Naul, North County Dublin<br>Tickets €13 :: <a href="http://www.seamusenniscentre.com">www.seamusenniscentre.com</a>              |
| Sep 28th: | Clifden Arts Festival, Station House Theatre, Clifden, Galway<br>Tickets €12 :: <a href="http://www.clifdenartsweek.ie">www.clifdenartsweek.ie</a>         |
| Oct 3rd:  | Chapel Royal, Dublin Castle<br>Tickets €12 :: <a href="http://www.entertainment.ie">www.entertainment.ie</a>   |
| Oct 4th:  | Duncairn Centre for Culture & Arts, Belfast<br>Tickets £12/£10 :: <a href="http://www.theduncairn.com">www.theduncairn.com</a>                             |

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In addition, Dan will feature in Caoimhín's solo show 'In My Mind', which visits Letterkenny, Sligo, Castlebar, Dublin, Bray, Newbridge, Dun Laoghaire, Cork and Tipperary in mid-October. More info on that tour is available at **[www.musicnetwork.ie](http://www.musicnetwork.ie)**

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