

Talis Kimberley

Songwriter, Singer ~ Voice, Guitar, Bouzouki.

Talis Kimberley presents contemporary, literate folk songs with green/political edges & a warm, whimsical heart. Wiltshire-based but performing nationally, Talis performs solo & with her multi-skilled band, whose core line-up comprises Chantelle Smith on co-vocals and percussion, and Simon Fairbourn on bass, bassoon, whistles and occasional trumpet. For selected gigs Jan Simlat joins in on bass and percussion –oh, and everyone sings harmonies. Talis's songs are rooted in tradition but inspired by books, cakes, tea, history, socks, geo-politics & fish, among other things...

She's performed to delighted audiences in Germany, Canada and the USA, and won several songwriting awards, most recently for the singalong tea-shanty 'Spoon!' which builds on her previous albums 'The Hearth and the Hive' and 'Queen of Spindles, both of which catch the zeitgeist of the self-sufficiency movement & challenge the listener to engage with contemporary issues in a positive way. Her song 'The Steps of St Paul's', written for the Occupy movement, gained a great deal of interest within days of being written & aired.

Talis performs widely for folk festivals & clubs, Transition Town / green groups, literary festivals & a variety of other events; she recently created the soundtrack for a short film ('The Threshold') which is currently hitting film festivals in the USA. Solo or with the band, Talis always leaves listeners moved and engaged. A prolific writer, and an engaging and compelling performer, Talis is as comfortable on a festival stage as she is turning a crowded train carriage into an impromptu gig with all the commuters joining in!

In front of any kind of audience, Talis will make her listeners laugh, and she'll make them think as well. It's all about the story. Talis likes to take her audience places – and bring them back, changed.

Talis would love to come and sing for your event – she's currently booking up 2013. Talis plays literary gatherings, folk clubs & festivals, green groups, parties & picnics... Check the website for more info, catch her on FaceBook & Twitter!

"Contemporary folk music with sharp green edges & a literary and political core..."

Bookings / info: Marchwood Media - 01793 813766 – 07801 730776 – www.talis.net

"Right there in the vein... I'd love to hear more of your stuff"
Mike Harding

"I very much like it... that's a marvellous sound you've got going there..."
Mitch Benn

"Awesome songs!"
Robb Johnson

"Subtle and funny and f*cking INSIDIOUS. Your music has the ability to change worlds."
Annie Walker, organizer 'Spring Green Festival', Lincoln

"You write very sticky songs!"
Juliet Fleming, potter

"Bloody marvellous"
Mark Stanton, Biodynamic and organic farmer

"Professor du Sautoy really enjoyed the song and thought it was very funny."
Jenny Hu, PA to Professor Marcus du Sautoy, who is celebrated in Talis's song 'Clever Men'