

# Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll - English Fiddle Music



**Nick Wyke & Becki Driscoll** are highly respected musicians, composers and workshop leaders from North Devon. They first collaborated as a fiddle duo on a busking trip around Spain and Portugal. Since then, they have made a strong impact on the British folk scene and received national and international acclaim.

Their passion for English traditional music and the violin has led to the development of their unique style. Becki's melodic, emotive violin and viola blend with Nick's driving fiddle chords and powerful vocals to create a rich, captivating sound.

*"...lovely, inventive playing"* fRoots

The duo's compositions and their interpretations of traditional English tunes and songs are influenced by a wide range of musical cultures: "We are inspired by the people we meet and the places we've been. We like the idea of a global approach to the English tradition."

*"...passionate musicality and distinctive presence."* The Living Tradition

As well as performing as a duo, Nick & Becki's fiddle playing and string arrangements have enhanced the sound of many folk and roots performers from Doncaster-based band **The Angel Brothers** to Devon's popular folk-singer **Jim Causley**.

*"...a superb advert for English music"* The Folk Mag

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**Becki Driscoll** started playing folk and traditional music in her home town of Bridport with ceilidh band Sundance and went on to study community music in Liverpool. Since moving back to the South West she has been working for Wren Music, running music workshops throughout Devon.

Becki composes many of the new tunes for the duo, drawing on her interest and knowledge of traditional English and Western European music for inspiration.

Her other work has included playing with The Angel Brothers, accompanying Mick Groves from the Spinners and playing fiddle for a Country and Western show at Butlins!

**Nick Wyke** has lived in North Devon for as long as he can remember! He plays fiddle, guitar, bass and sings.

After training with Wren Music as a community musician, Nick began to explore the traditional fiddle-music of the area, particularly the tunes of William Andrew of Dartmoor.

Nick is the main singer for the duo and enjoys getting inside the story of a song. He is also often found happily chugging away on the chords...

Aside from his work with Becki, Nick plays fiddle with Gadarene, and has worked with great musicians including Jim Moray and Jackie Oates.

