

DESTINATION Henderson's *FRINGE* 2009

Supporting

Homecoming
Scotland
2009

WHO: *Wendy Carle Taylor*

WHEN: 16TH, 23RD & 30TH AUGUST AT 19.00
AND 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 17.00

WHERE: HENDERSON'S RESTAURANT, 94 HANOVER
STREET, EDINBURGH

Originally from Aberdeenshire, it is said that Wendy Carle Taylor could sing before she could speak. In addition to her work as a singer, both solo and as a member of various groups, she is a Voice Coach and Consultant and an Associate Tutor at Edinburgh University. The great Scottish ballad singer Sheila Stewart once described Wendy as having 'the Conyach - the gift of singing from the heart and soul' and this Edinburgh based vocalist is renowned for her moving and utterly beautiful interpretations of contemporary and traditional Scots song. Although her repertoire is far from limited, encompassing as it does everything from French chanson to jazz and blues, for Homecoming at Henderson's she will showcase the best of Scots song.



Wendy will be accompanied on the clarsach by Ailie Robertson, one of the hottest new names on the traditional music scene. A four-time National Mod Gold Medal Winner, Ailie also won first prize at the inaugural London Harp Festival and has been the recipient of many other awards including the prestigious St Albans New Roots title. Ailie released 'First Things First' to great acclaim in 2008, one reviewer noting simply 'a player of Ailie's class has the ability to tear your heart out'. A stalwart of the Scottish folk circuit, the brilliant and exhilarating guitarist Tony Mitchell will complete the line-up for what promises to be a fantastic evening at Fringe '09: Destination Henderson's.

“What a pleasure it is to be performing some of my favourite songs with two wonderful musicians in the very best of venues! My father, Henry, inherited his love of Robert Burns from his mother, Mary - I still have her book. The songs of Robert Burns are as fresh and relevant today as they ever were. They encapsulate our common humanity, linking us to those who have gone before and to those who will come long after us. I feel very privileged to be passing on the tradition.” Wendy Taylor

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