

Luke Brady's Scottish Dance Band
Take Your Partners For... Vol 2



Forewords

In her review of *Take your Partners for... Vol 1* in the Scottish Country Dancer of April 2009 Margie Stevenson concluded by saying, "I for one am already looking forward with eager anticipation to the release of volumes 2, 3 and more." And now we have Volume 2!

Several of my favourite dances are featured: *The Minister on the Loch*; *Reverend John Macfarlane*; *Up in the Air*; *Broadford Bay*; *The Dean Bridge of Edinburgh* and, it almost goes without saying, lots of lovely tunes. It is worth considering how much influence tunes have when dancers decide which dances they enjoy most. *Sir George Clark of Pennycaik*, the lead tune for *Up in the Air*, is probably my all-time favourite strathspey.

Luke's penchant for tunes by *Muriel Johnstone* is well to the fore and that will please her many devotees, as well as a range of tunes by other prominent composers of Scottish dance music. This time too we have many more of Luke's own tunes, which will allow you to appreciate his composing skills in addition to the all-round sound which his band produces.

I hope that you will enjoy this CD and applaud the efforts of this young musician.

Jean M Martin (April 2009), Aberdeen

I was very pleased to be asked to write a foreword for this second Volume of 'Take Your Partners For...' Young enthusiastic input into the Scottish Country Dance world is much too infrequent these days, so it is very refreshing to come across a band with three young musicians with such an extraordinary amount of talent, backed by a rhythm section of two of the most respected names in the profession.

Sixteen tracks including many favourite dances, this CD will be a welcome addition to those who like to ring the changes when using recorded music for classes.

I was particularly pleased to see 'Up in the Air' included, and I hope that this recording will encourage more dancers, especially on this side of the Atlantic, to become more familiar with this old (from 1797) favourite which was so popular a few years ago. Look out also for the new set of tunes for the final track, that marvellous reel, 'Broadford Bay'

I hope that Volume 2 is just the 'tip of the iceberg'

Bill Zobel, (May 2009), Canada

- 9 ***EH3 7AF (8x32J)***
The Pentland Jig (R F Crowe)
Ms Elspeth Gray (L Brady)
Hello, Kate Speaking (L Brady)
Jill Petri's Jig (L Brady)
- 2 ***On the Quarter-Deck (8x32R)***
Admiral Nelson (Neil Gow)
Joe Ramwell's Reel (I Muir)
Andy Broon's Reel (A Bain)
Billy Thom's Reel (J Johnstone)
- 3 ***The Minister on the Loch (8x32S)***
Muriel Johnstone's compliments to
Robert MacKay (M Johnstone)
A tribute to Robert MacKay (L Brady)
- 4 ***Major Ian Stewart (8x32J)***
The Scottish Horse (M of Tullibardine)
King of Spades (M Johnstone)
Coldingham (M Johnstone)
Windmill Bastion (M Johnstone)
- 5 ***Eileen Watt's Reel (3x32R)***
Eileen Watt (M Johnstone)
John Anthony Ireland (M Johnstone)
- 6 ***Eileen Watt's Reel (encore) (3x32R)***
Eileen Watt (M Johnstone)
Willafjord (T Alexander)
- 7 ***Autumn in Appin (2 Chords 4x32S)***
The Hills of Lorne (C Hunter)
Angela Young (L Brady)
The Ruby Slippers (L Brady)
- 8 ***Midnight Oil (5x48J)***
Original (G Meikle)
Fiona Mackie's Jig (L Brady)
Rachel's Rant (L Brady)
The Girls from Oakbank (L Brady)
- 9 ***Salute to Miss Milligan (8x32R)***
Original (J MacLeod)
Boil dem Cabbage Down (Trad.)
Itchy Fingers (P/M R Mathieson)
The New High Level (R Whinham)
- 10 ***Up in the Air (8x32S)***
Sir George Clark of Pennycaik (Nathaniel Gow)
Miss Ann Rutherford (W Rutherford)
The Sidlaw Hills (J Watson)
Miss Fiona Mitchell (R F Crowe)
- 11 ***The Reverend John Macfarlane (4x32R)***
Quickstep (Niel Gow)
The Examiner (L Brady)
Mrs Mary Printy (I T MacPhail)
- 12 ***The Reverend John Macfarlane (encore) (4x32R)***
Quickstep (Niel Gow)
Balquhiddier Lasses (Trad.)
The Black Bear (Trad.)
- 13 ***The Dean Bridge of Edinburgh (8x32S)***
Original (A Allan)
Marjorie Easton McLaughlin (M Johnstone)
La Passeggiatta (M Johnstone)
Miss Leslie Cunningham (M Johnstone)
- 14 ***Saint Andrew's Fair (8x32J)***
Jockey's Dance (Trad.)
Brian the Laundry Boy (M Rutherford)
Granny Wade's Jig (M Rutherford)
The Humberston Jig (M Rutherford)
- 15 ***The Golden Wedding Strathspey (4x40S)***
Sundrum Castle (M Johnstone)
Angela's Strathspey (L Brady)
Calum's Road (D Shaw)
- 16 ***Broadford Bay (8x32R)***
The Man from Skye (P/M D MacLeod)
Luke Brady's compliments to the Majician (L Brady)
The Lad fae Dundee (M Johnstone)