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Holy Trinity Church, Market Gate, Warrington

Saturday 27th September 2025 – 1:45 – 2:30

Apple Sellers Duo

Martin Purdy - Piano, Ian Mayer - Double Bass

Music:

Rather than providing a pre-arranged programme, the duo will select their music on the day.

Background

The Apple Sellers are a contemporary folk duo from the North West of England whose blend of modern classical and traditional folk and spiritual music captivated on their last performance for us.

Featuring the acclaimed musician and storyteller Martin Purdy, frontman of the award-winning folk trio Harp and a Monkey, and gifted multi-instrumentalist Ian Mayer, from Chetham's School of Music in Manchester, the pair's unique approach has seen them gain standing ovations at both folk festivals and classical music events.

Ian and Martin first met in (and continue to meet in) a community orchard, and bonded over a shared passion for the power of musical storytelling. The result is an evocative sound underpinned by piano, double bass, harmonium, shruti box drones and strong harmony vocals.

What others say...

"Superb music making, instructive introductions and wonderful harmonies."

"The Merseyside shanty 'Bold Riley' and American spiritual 'Mother in the Graveyard' gave us goosebumps."

"Loved it! Quality musicianship, great stories and wonderful harmonising."

"They are both so talented."

"Something different: highly musical, touching and charming."



Next week's concert – Outstanding Young Pianists