



citadels of the SUN

A two-part creative collaboration emerging from the many folk and historical connections between India and Ireland, from the origins of the Irish and Indian fiddle to our shared colonial past. The initial collaboration in 2019 was commissioned in Donegal by Earagail Arts Festival and culminated at Jodhpur RIFF that year.

But the artists continued their engagement after sharing and developing their music online throughout the lockdown. Now, this collaboration of warm, yet exquisite music feels complete and features some of the best musicians from Donegal and Rajasthan:

Martin Coyle (bouzouki, composer and producer),

Paul Cutliffe (uilleann pipes, whistles)

Sarah E Cullen (Donegal fiddle, vocals),

with 2022 recipient of the Aga Khan Music Award, Asin Khan Langa (Sindhi sarangi and vocals) and Sawai Khan Manganiyar (dholak, morchang, bhapang, khartal and vocals).

Sharing common themes and stories that connect the cultures of the two regions, Citadels of the Sun' refers to a recurring edifice in both cultures: Mehrangarh fort (fort of the sun) in Rajasthan, and Grianan of Aileach,

Donegal's own fort of the sun. Bridging these two iconic locations a world apart,

Citadels of the Sun is a coming together of diverse but connected voices, the result of which is a sound that transcends and braves new territories in music.

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