

## New EP from the Wilders

The Wilders are to release a brand new four-track EP to coincide with their headline show at Celtic Connections Festival in January when the band will play the city's Old Fruitmarket, scene of their 2009 triumph that was filmed for the BBC 2 Festival Highlights programme. The band will share the bill in a double-header with Brookfield-Knights stablemates, Furnace Mountain, invited to participate on the back of their successful UK tour in September when they played a session for Bob Harris on BBC Radio 2. The Wilders, who have a brand new album coming out on the Free Dirt label in the spring, have added dates in England (including a London show), immediately after their appearance in Glasgow.



## Randy Travis and wife divorce

Randy Travis and his wife-manager Elizabeth Travis have divorced. Family spokeswoman Maureen O'Connor confirmed to the Associated Press that the divorce was final. No further details were given, but an earlier statement that the couple had 'parted ways' said Elizabeth Travis would continue to be Travis' personal manager. The statement said the couple would have no further comment and asked for 'respect for their privacy during this time.' The couple married in 1991 and has had a 34-year business and personal relationship that began when a teenage Travis won a talent contest at the Charlotte, North Carolina, nightclub his future wife owned in the mid-1970s with her first husband.

They moved to Nashville in the early 1980s. Travis was turned down by most of the record labels in town because he was considered too country. Under her guidance, he eventually landed a record deal and put out his first album, *STORMS OF LIFE*, in 1985. Soon the singer with the smooth baritone and straight-up style revolutionised the genre, spurring the so-called neotraditionalist movement that produced some of country's biggest stars. Travis went on to sell millions of albums and has won more than two dozen major awards, including six Grammys. His latest came earlier this year when he won best country collaboration for *I Told You So*, a duet with Carrie Underwood.

## Music From Home – singer-songwriter collection

A promotional only release of mainly previously unissued recordings by West Coast singer-songwriters has been made available for download by Hemifran. The 17-track collection titled *I LIKE IT HERE – MUSIC FROM HOME* features recordings by Jackson Browne (an 8 minute plus live version of *The Rebel Jesus*), Bob Cheevers, Jeff Larson, Amy Raasch, Steve Noonan, Mikael Pearson and Robin Thompson. The songs touch a wide pallet of subjects—from 'a sense of home' to 'afraid to go home', from 'longing for home' to 'time to go home', and from 'feels like coming home' to 'the places the devil calls home'. Opening the album, with a live version of the title-track from his latest album, Joel Rafael gets some help from David Crosby and Graham Nash. Songwriter Jack Tempchin (Eagles, Glenn Frey) co-wrote his contribution with Bobby Whitlock (Derek & the Dominoes). Singer-songwriter Jeff Larson recruits his good friend Gerry Beckley (America) for assistance on production, percussion and back-up vocals. Session-musician and songwriter Vince Melamed (Eagles, JD Souther, Dan Fogelberg) offers up an unreleased gem he nearly forgot about.

Nashville singer-songwriter Keith Miles is joined by Jack Sundrud (Poco) and production wizard Bill Halverson and Bob Cheevers gets three original members of Bread to join him for his contribution. Visit [www.hemifran.com/music](http://www.hemifran.com/music) for more details



## Americana Chart

- 1 (-) **Quiet Loner** - *Spectrology* (Little Red Rabbit)
- 2 (-) **The Duke & The King** - *Long Live The Duke & The King* (Loose)
- 3 (1) **Woodpigeon** - *Die Stadt Muzikanten* (End Of The Road)
- 4 (2) **Phosphorescent** - *Here's To Taking It Easy* (Dead Oceans)
- 5 (-) **I'm Kingfisher** - *Arctic* (Playground)
- 6 (3) **Mt Desolation** - *Mt Desolation* (Island)
- 7 (4) **Caitlin Rose** - *Own Side Now*
- 8 (-) **Darrell Scott** - *A Crooked Road* (Full Light)
- 9 (-) **Kurt Hagardorn** - *Leaves* (Independent)
- 10 (-) **The Miserable Rich** - *Of Flight and Fury* (Republic of Music)

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