

Brendan Croker & Steve Phillips

Mark Knopfler's co-Notting Hillbillies

A first appearance at Carnegie Hall by two mates of long standing who just have a great time playing together. The pedigree of the duo guarantees the audience will have a great time too.

You might not know the name but the chances are you'll have heard Brendan Croker singing and playing alongside the likes of Michelle Shocked, Mark Knopfler, Tanita Tikaram, John Mayall, Eric Clapton and many, many more besides. Brendan's passion for music spans over thirty years, five of which he spent as a songwriter in and out of Nashville. While he was there, he wrote a multi-platinum selling song for Wynona Judd and lost \$100 to Joe Ely in a dodgy game of pool. He is one of Britain's great Bluesmen.

Steve Phillips is; "One of the greatest Blues guitarists Europe has produced and currently one of the finest anywhere in the world. His recent involvement with Mark Knopfler (of Dire Straits) in The Notting Hillbillies briefly turned Phillips into a kind of rock star (featuring on the cover of Q magazine no less!)" Trevor Hodgett, *Blueprint Magazine*.

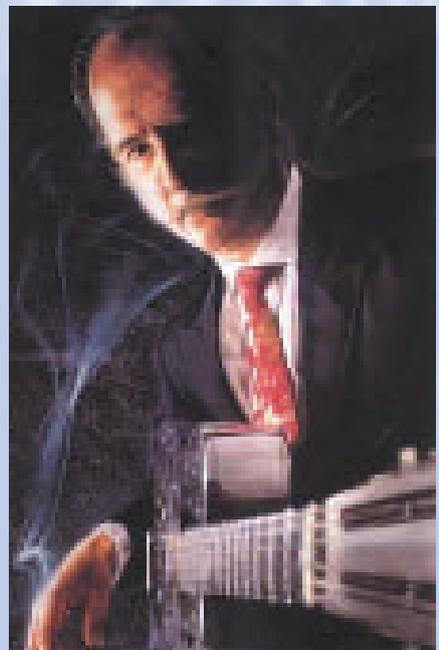
When not fulfilling a busy diary of solo acoustic dates throughout the continent, he occasionally feels the urge to assemble a collection of North Yorkshire's finest, The Rough Diamonds, and bring a little bar room boogie and Western Swing to a wider audience.

Prepare yourselves for a wonderful evening of superb and glittering interpretations of blues and country blues material both old and new. This is a warm, funny, entertaining and impressive night – they just toss a coin to choose who will kick-off the evening. These guys will warm you up and then melt you with their talent, charm, humour and wit.

"...his marvellous voice; sometimes a howling Blues shout and other times a husky gentle roll your own... don't be deceived by the determinedly uncomplicated Croker... he's got deep roots..." Mark Knopfler

Date / Time **Fri 10 June 7.30pm**

Tickets **£12** Fifestyle **£11 / £10**



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