OUR HOUSE

CHARITY CONCERT MAY 27TH
FOR GLASGOW BRAENDAM LINK
& BRAENDAM FAMILY HOUSE

FEATURING

Deacon Blue

Glasgow Braendam Link

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HISTORY

Lilias Graham worked as an Episcopal Church Community Worker in the Gorbals are of Glasgow in the 1950's and 60's. She knew real poverty at first hand and spent much of her time finding places to take families away for much needed short breaks. Inheriting Braendam House in 1966 she was able to expand her ideas by turning the house into a place where families living in poverty could come for a holiday. For over thirty years the quality of life for literally thousands of disadvantaged families has been improved and broadened.

BRAENDAM FAMILY HOUSE

For many families, Braendam is more like a close relative than a place to go. Situated between Callander and the Trossachs, Braendam provides a secure haven from the stress and fear faced daily by families living in poverty. Children can run around and safely explore the grounds. Families can enjoy quality time together to rebuild shattered relationships and self confidence. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly with plenty of indoor and outdoor activities. We are always on the look out for volunteers to work at the House alongside the permanent staff team.

'I got to know my children better when we went there.'

The need for Braendam is ever increasing. Less than half of Braendam's annual funding comes from Local Authorities. For the shortfall we depend on the support of Companies, Trusts, individuals, and of course events like this today.

'It's great for the weans here. We now know it is safe for them to play outside.'

GLASGOW BRAENDAM LINK

Glasgow Braendam Link offers support to families from the Glasgow area once they return from the House. A weekly Lunch Group, Youth Group, and monthly evening meetings provide the opportunity for friendship, discussion, and relaxation. Small groups are formed, for example, to look at Parenting Skills, put on small pieces of drama, or to create a Wallhanging depicting the effect that poverty has on people's lives. A Home Visitor provides support to many of the families throughout Glasgow.

'When I first came here what struck me was that it was so 'real'. Here people talk about their lives and share their problems.'

Family members attend conferences and workshops on poverty related issues, after all they are the 'real experts' on poverty and it is important that their voices are heard. Each year we hold a rally in George Square to mark 17th October, the United Nations International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. On 17th October 1999 we will be unveiling a Plaque in George Square dedicated to those who live in poverty, this event is open to the public.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers play an important role in our work. Volunteers currently provide skills such as befriending, hairdressing, driving, reflexology and massage, literacy and numeracy, administration, and counselling. Volunteers are also needed to help with fundraising, information technology, marketing, and forward planning. If you would like to volunteer or want to find out more about us please contact us for more information.

'That's me all fuelled up for the week - it's just a question of what you do with it.'

FUNDING

We are funded by a variety of sources including Local Authority, Charitable Trusts, and individual donations. Each year we struggle to raise sufficient funds to maintain the Project, often not knowing if we will survive into the next year. You can help by making a donation, taking out a Tax Covenant or Gift Aid, or by hosting a fundraising event. Please contact us for more details.

Most people think of poverty as a lack of money and material goods, but it is more than that, it is also about a poverty of spirit. The constant struggle of trying to cope with what life throws at you drains your energy and spirit. People lose confidence in themselves and lack hope for the future. Braendam House and Glasgow Braendam Link seek to restore self confidence, increase self esteem and renew peopleís faith in themselves. We achieve this through listening to people, allowing them to be themselves, and by not judging.

'People really listen to you and care about what you think.'

We would like to acknowledge the support of our current funders:

RICKY ROSS
vocals

It's hard to put 5 years into a short paragraph but here are some highlights: Playing solo at the Mean Fiddler in Dublin, going to the opening night of "On The Line" at Dundee Rep - the most powerful night at a theatre ever, watching my third daughter come into the world, going to Disneyland with my older daughters - "Daddy, this is the happiest day of my life!!", watching the results of the referendum in September 1997, witnessing the victory of Dundee United in the Scottish Cup Final the day after the last Deacon Blue show...(yes I was in the pie queue when the goal went in!), touring with Cappercaille - I got to watch them every night and ride in their bus the next day - thank you all.
Musically I've had great fun playing with lots of different musicians and done a lot of nights on my own.

I've often been an hour or so into a show and longed to see some familiar faces round me and hear the count in to Loaded....tonight I'm getting the chance again and I'm really looking forward to it.

I've chatted to loads of people round the country who seemed to have enjoyed my show but often ask the same question: When's the band getting back together? Tonight I hope some of the questioners will enjoy the show as much as I will.

Ricky Ross

LORRAINE MCINTOSH

vocals

In two hundred words, write about life since Deacon Blue! NO! How about a list of some achievements and failures?

Failed to find life post Deacon Blue as easy to adapt to as I thought I would. Missed the band, missed the laughs and the music.

Found working with different musicians on my own songs difficult and inspiring. Had another baby, definitely difficult and inspiring. Acted for the first time in my life in My Name Is Joe, a great experience , continuing to act in various other projects, some difficult some.....Finally have reached the point of having my own band, along with a collaborator Brian Docherty.The band are called Cub, come and see us,even if we sound nothing like Deacon Blue.Some say you can't go home again, well I think you can, even if it's only for a little while.Doing this gig will be like going home and it will be so good to see you all again.
Thanks for coming.

Lorraine

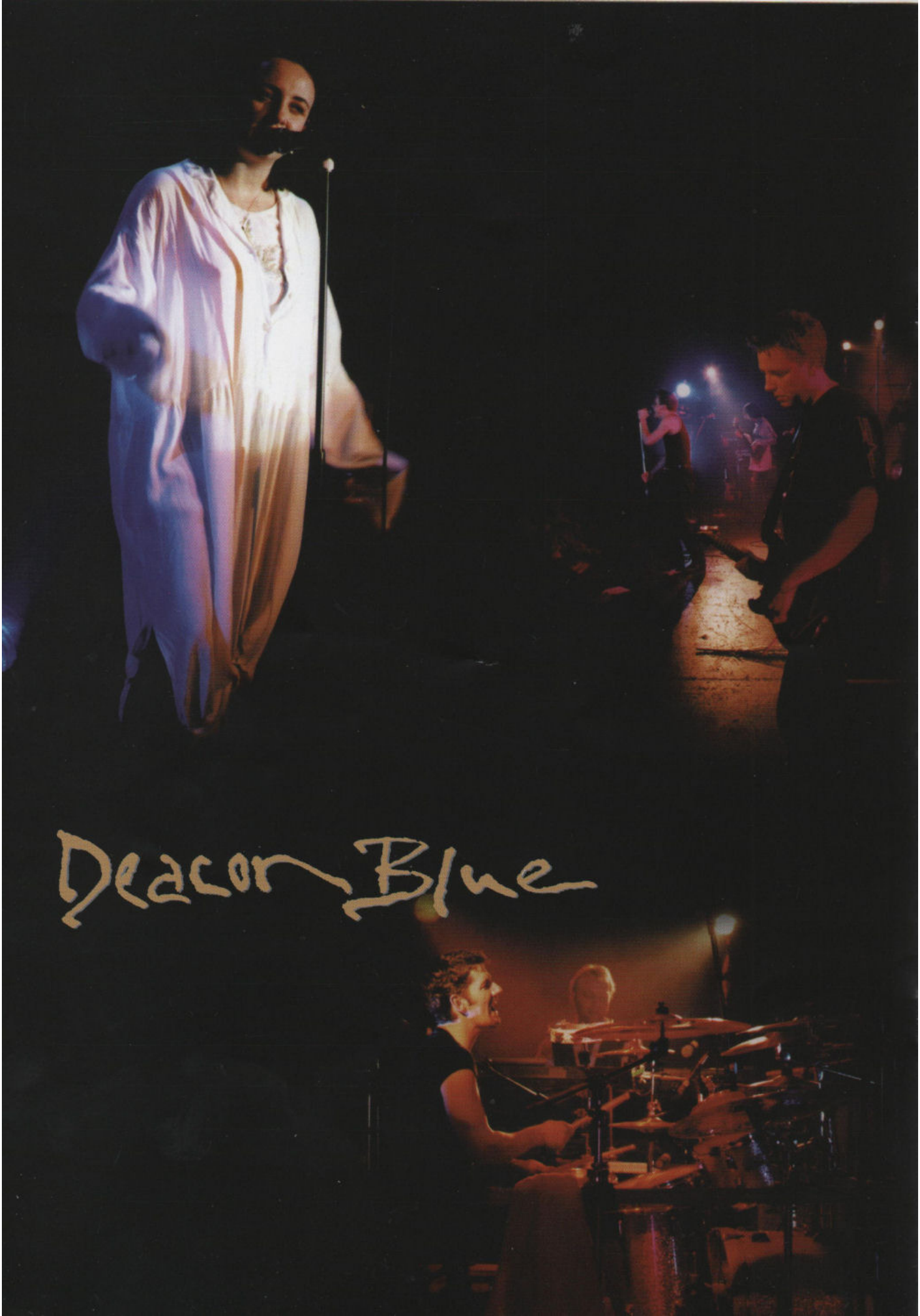
vocals

The last couple of concerts were something of a strain. It seems strange looking back now but I can recall being mega emotional at the second last night at the Barrowlands and as cold as ice on the last night. I never really believed it until people started asking me. I got so tired saying the same things.

Yes we all agreed it was time to call it a day. Yes we all wanted to go off and do our own thing. No, we had not all fallen out with each other.

I then went scarpering and manged to land a job with an enormous theatre thing called 'The Big Picnic' and then spent two years in France with 'Johny Hallyday', doubled in weight, got married, bought a dog, settled down and generally enjoyed the 'real things that you missed when you were all away. Now I am in charge of setting up 'SMART' the new School of Music and Recording Technology, to be based in Ayr. As part of the fund-raising I held a charity concert last year which Ricky, Lorraine, Dougie and myself played some DB songs to a packed house. I think that we had an inkling that if we did another show then it might go well. I didn't realise that we were still popular but when I heard that we had sold out in an hour and a half my socks were blown clean off. I am now, currently searching for a new pair of socks.

Jim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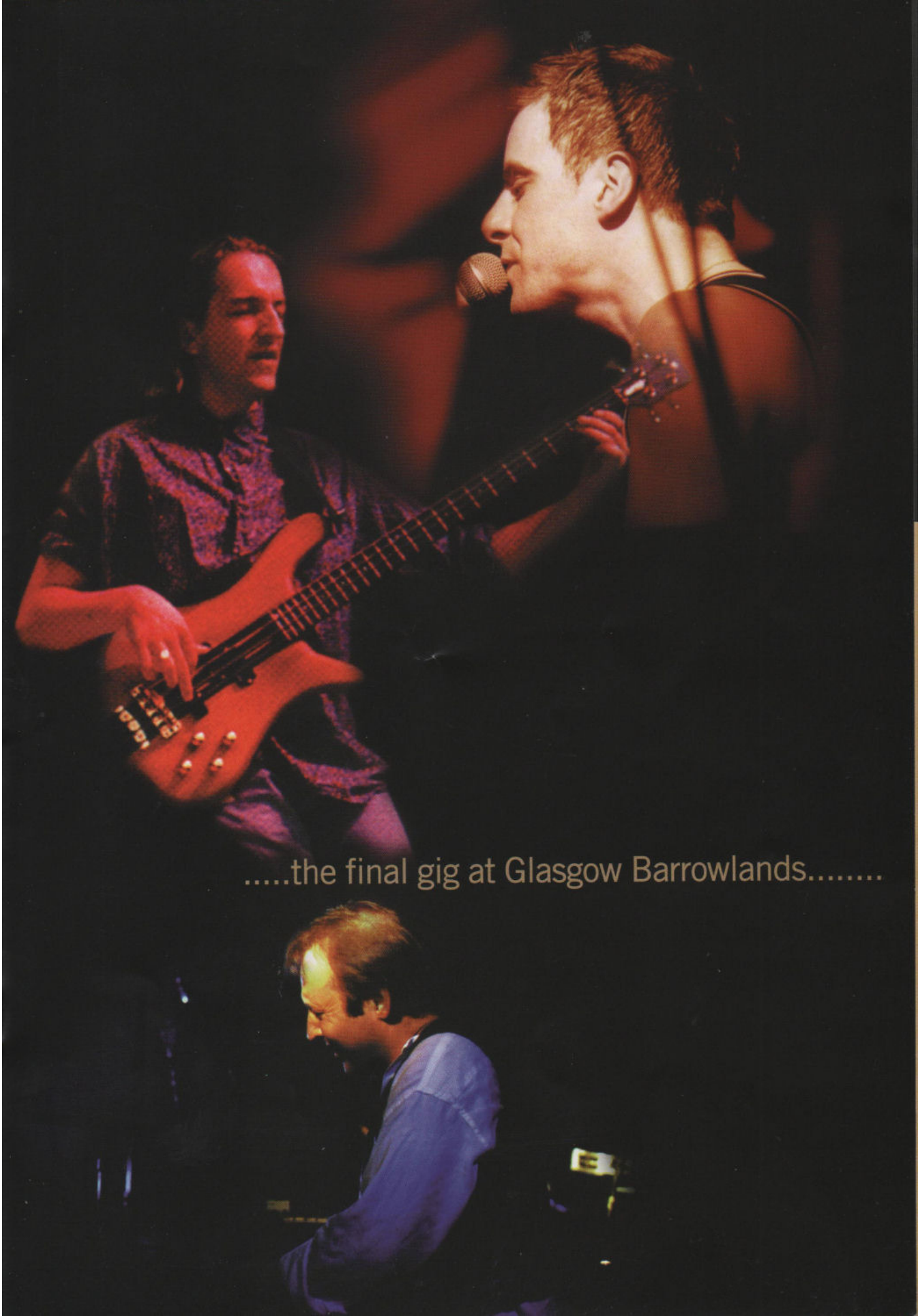

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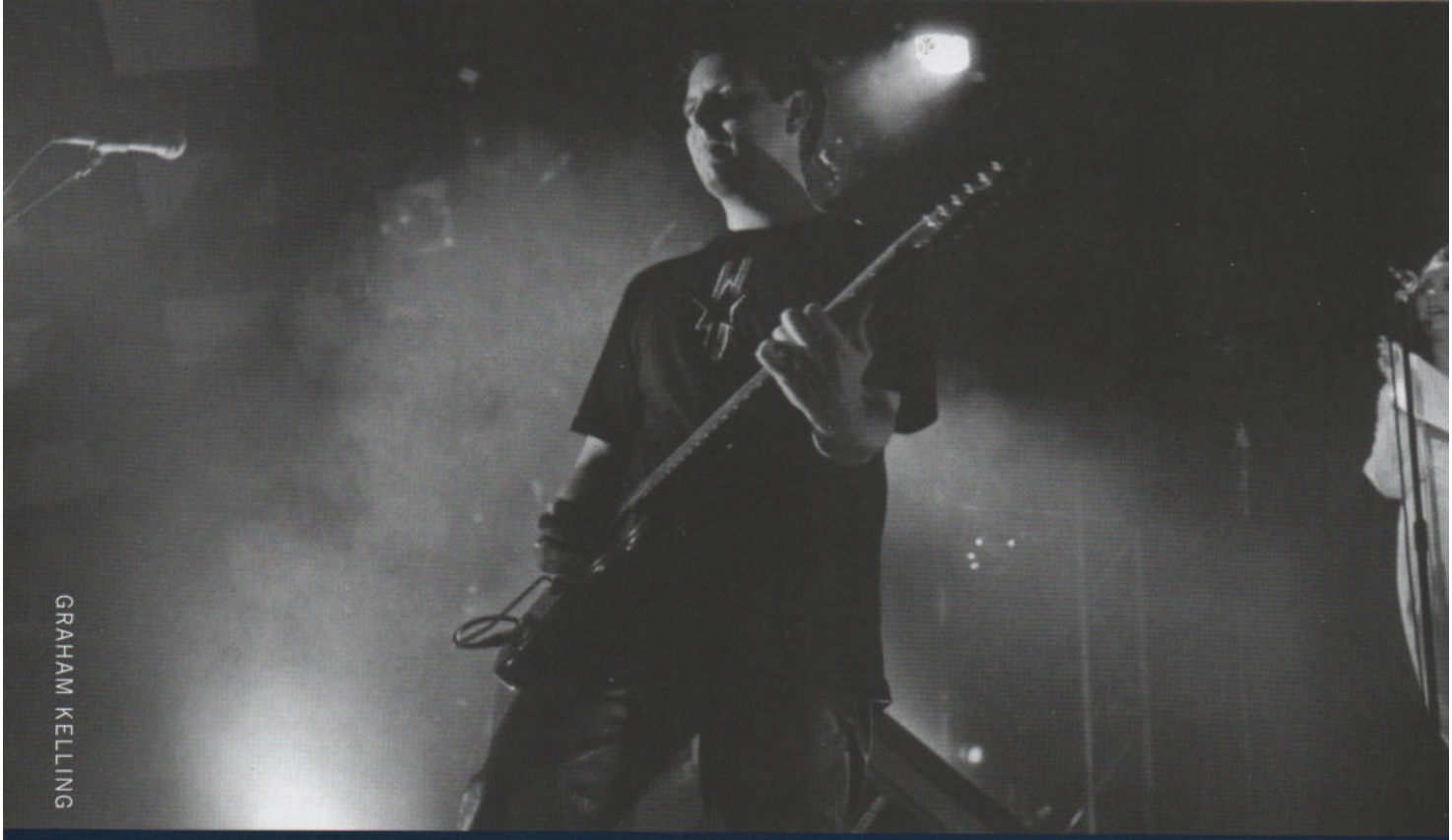


GRAHAM KELLING

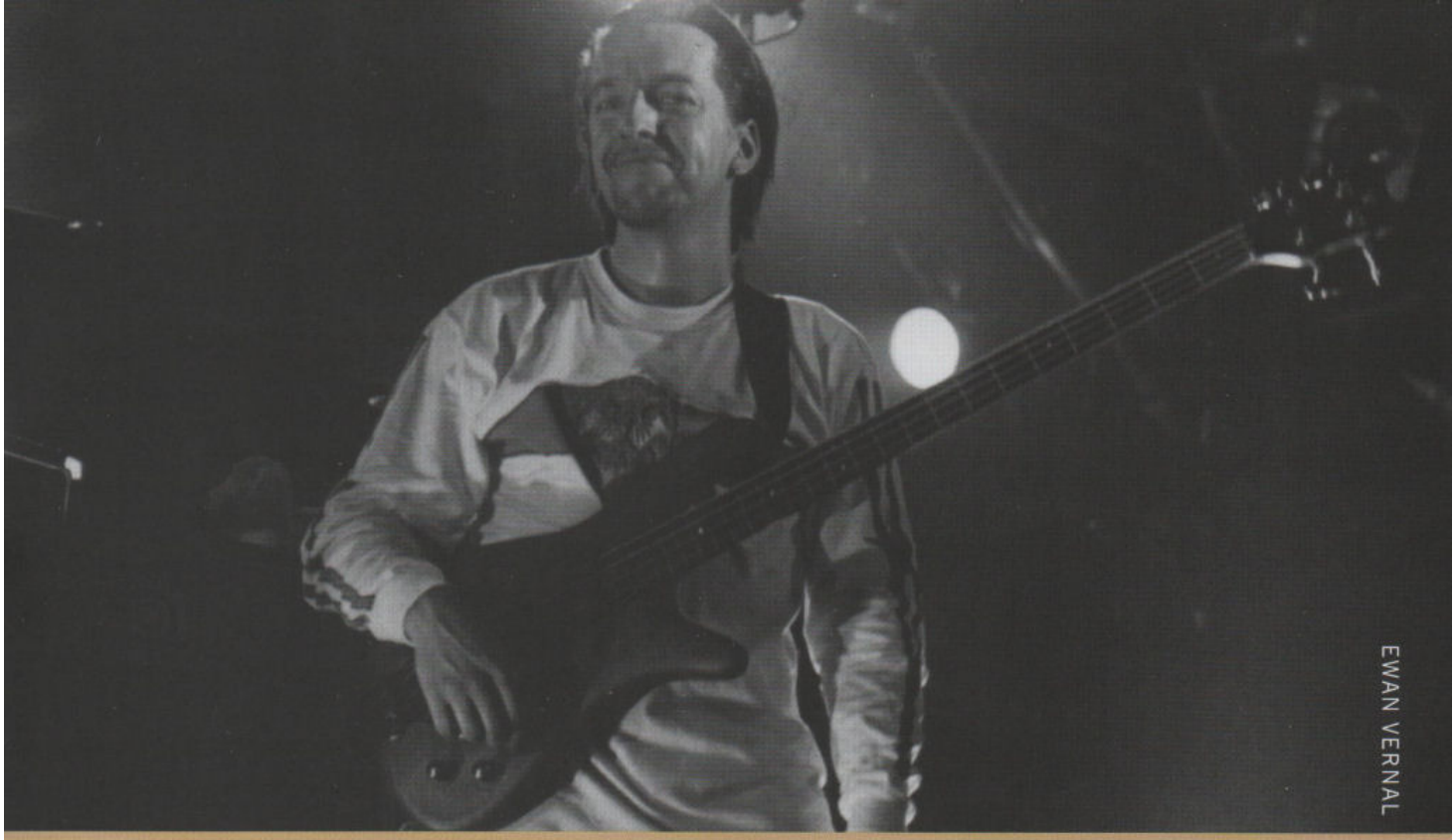
guitar

During the life of the band if I could have looked into the future and seen myself as I am now - happily married with a beautiful baby son - I probably would have had a good sneer at how boring I'd become!

But, in those days, I rarely thought of the future. The present was the only thing that mattered and making a nonsense of it was a full time occupation.

Age, however, has granted me the wisdom to see the error of my ways. So when Ricky asked if I would be willing to get back together again with the rest of the guys in order to raise money for a good cause I of course said, "well...probably".
In order to rewrite history properly you really have to have been there at the time. With that spirit of careful abandon in mind, I'm glad you made it and we'll try not to trample on too many memories.

Graham



EWAN VERNAL bass

Well, well - who'd have thought it? I suspected that this day would dawn at some point - but the last five years have gone by so quickly, that the last Barrowland's gig (May 1994?) seems like only yesterday!

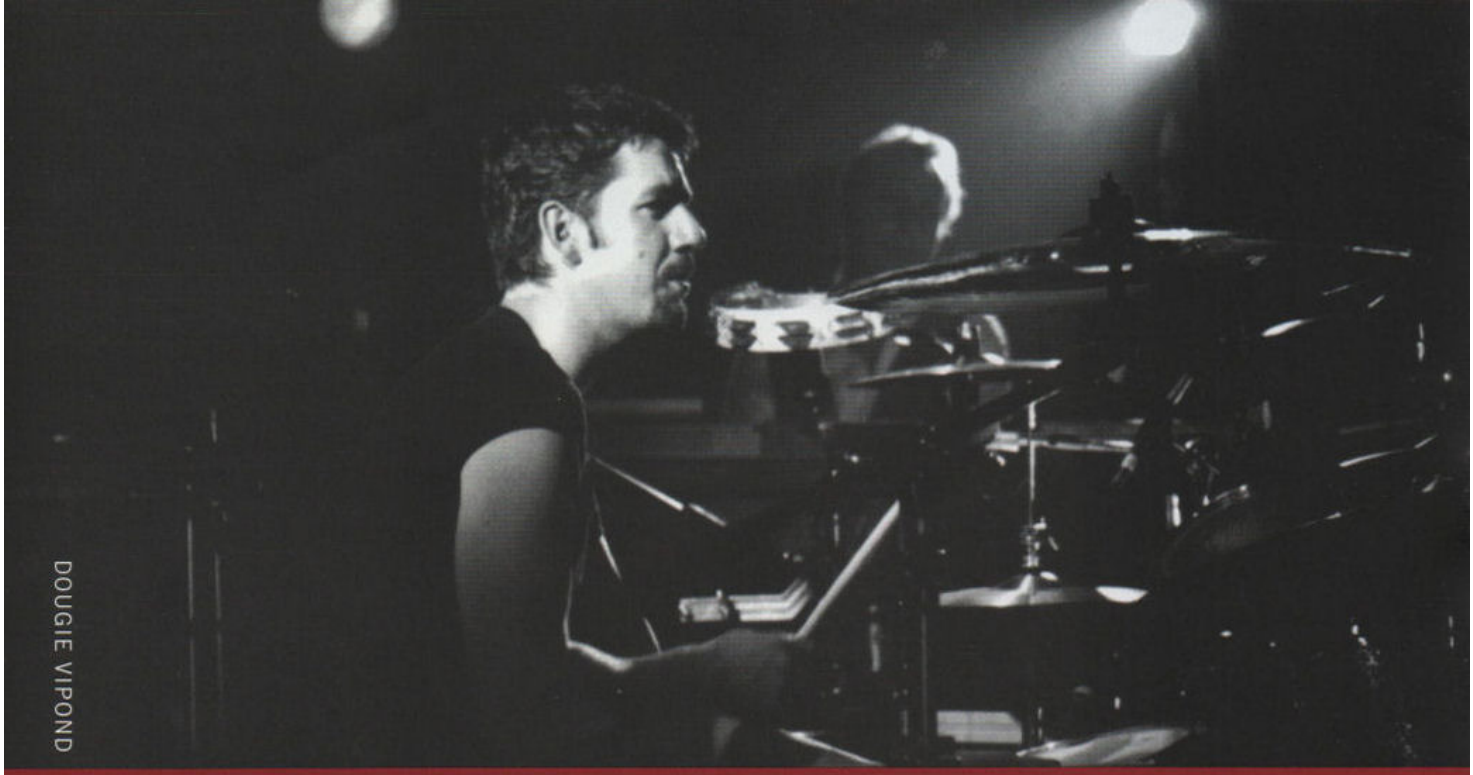
Playing music is about the only thing I can do (no insurance sales or bookshop work here!) - so the last five years have been spent recording and touring with, amongst others, Fish, Hue and Cry, Horse, James Grant and Capercaillie - various jazzy type things - weddings, barmitzvahs, busking - whatever!

Rehearsals have been going really well, and I think everybody is looking forward to playing the songs again - especially for such a worthy and important cause.

I hope considerable funds will be raised for Braendam House, and that its work in a vital area continues to be a success.

Enjoy the show

Ewan



DOUGIE VIPOND

drums

Wednesday 14th April 1999 is a day I'll remember for a long time. It has been almost 5 years since all the members of the band were last together in one room and almost 5 years since I've played the tunes.

Would we get on? Would it sound good? Would I still remember the tunes? But I needn't have worried, it was as if we had been together the day before.

In 1994 when we finished our greatest hits tour at The Barrowlands I had already secured the job at Scottish Television presenting their arts programme - A job on Scotland Today as music and arts correspondent soon followed but a call from the BBC brought my short stay at STV to an end. I spent the next three years presenting The Big Country in which I got to induldge in a myriad of odd activities including parachuting, cheese making and scuba diving. During that time I was offered a job on the BBC's Holiday Programme which I continue to present. Musically I have been playing in a band with ex Danny Wilson, Kit Clark called The Swiss Family Orbisson and we released our debut album in February of last year.

And so to this gig, Ricky called and told me that everyone else had agreed to do the show. I think that is what he did to everyone! I must confess to not knowing too much about Braendam but it is something that Ricky has been involved with for years and its important for us to get back together for a good cause rather than just cashing in on our past success.

Enjoy the show. I know I will.

Dougie

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The UK's biggest broadcast live music festival - BBC Music Live - comes to the clubs, concert halls, streets and squares of Glasgow - one of Europe's hottest and hippest cultural centres - for a week long festival of music from the 26th to the 31st of May.

With over a hundred events coming from more than 40 venues, from the smallest clubs to the biggest concert halls, from streets and shopping centres to the tops of the tallest buildings, **BBC Music Live** promises to have the city humming with music throughout the event-packed week.

Deacon Blue, Texas, Ray Charles, Chaka Khan and The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra are among literally hundreds of musicians gathering in Glasgow for this celebration of musical diversity. Wherever your tastes lie, from Rock to Pop, Salsa to Celtica, Country to Classical or Be Bop to Hip Hop, **BBC Music Live** has a musical treat to suit every palate, including a wealth of free events throughout the city.

But even if you can't make it to Glasgow, there's still plenty of opportunities to enjoy this feast of music, with many of the events broadcast across a dozen of the BBC's TV and Radio Services. BBC Radio 2 is especially proud to present the Deacon Blue reunion concert in aid of **'The Braendam Family House'** and the **Glasgow Braendam Link**, which sees the band back on stage together for the first time in nearly a decade. Deacon Blue In Concert will be broadcast on BBC Radio 2 (88 - 91FM) on Saturday 5th June between 8pm - 9pm.

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