

## Press Release/Biography Coppin/Silver

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*Mike Silver & Johnny Coppin*

Following on from their acclaimed performances in early 2005 Johnny Coppin and Mike Silver, working together as, **Coppin/Silver**, will be back on the road in the Spring of 2006. Since they began playing their music together, the partnership has gone from strength to strength, and as it continues to grow, the best is yet to come. Aside from the classic songs which have won them friends all over the UK and abroad, the 2006 shows will feature some new compositions from both these fine writers as well as a couple of collaborations.

Johnny and Mike first met Penzance in the early seventies. Since then their paths have seldom crossed but a chance phone call in late 2004 generated the idea of them playing music together. The two voices are a natural mix and the way they share the songs shows this to be a duo in the truest sense.

The combination of Johnny's piano and Mike's guitar gets right to the heart of the listener. This is music from the soul, delivered with tremendous conviction. The delight they take in playing the music is plain to see and their live shows encapsulate a blend of skill and powerful emotion. There is a clear commitment from both artists to put the songs first, and seeing how hard they work for each other on stage displays their willingness to share responsibility as well as taking joint delight in the applause.

### **Johnny Coppin**

*"One of the finest voices" - Q Magazine.*

*"Johnny Coppin is one of my favourite singers and songwriters and playing music with him is a joy and a pleasure" - Mike Silver.*

Johnny began in the 1970's as one of the founders of the folk-rock band Decameron. Since the band's break-up in 1976, he has pursued a solo career playing arts centres and festivals in Europe and beyond. Johnny has recorded over a dozen albums and these include, *Edge of Day* with poet Laurie Lee, an album of Gloucestershire songs and three Christmas CDs, while his 2005 album, *The Winding Stair*, has been receiving excellent reviews.

### **Mike Silver**

*"Hidden gem. Now the secret is out" – Bob Harris.*

*"I've been a big fan of Mike Silver and his songs for years so it's such an honour and delight to be touring together" - Johnny Coppin*

Emerging in the 1970's, Mike was one of the first signings to Elton John's Rocket Records. Since moving on from Rocket, he has played festivals, clubs and arts centres all over Europe and released a good number of albums in the process. Mike remains in great demand as a session guitarist and backing singer, he has worked with many well known names including Charles Aznavour and Ralph McTell. In July 2003, Mike's song, "Not a Matter of Pride", from his album **Solid Silver** was added to the play lists of no less than 36 local radio stations up and down the UK and was given extensive rotation on BBC Radio 2 on Terry Wogan's early morning programme.

Any further information required on Coppin/Silver, can be found from the contact details below.

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