

Andrea Wild

Born in Liverpool, England, Andrea grew up with the sibling singing tradition emphasizing harmony and a capella performance. Andrea's mother was from Caernarfon, Wales so Andrea grew up in a Welsh speaking household hearing traditional, Welsh songs during childhood. Andrea and her brother Straford began singing in folk clubs throughout the North of England and Andrea was a regular at Liverpool's Irish Centre. Their love of traditional folk music and a quest for adventure brought them to the US where they collaborated with Oregon Symphony cellist Jim Smith and performed at festivals throughout the US as Both Wild. They released a CD recording in 2002 entitled *Just Say Nevoth*.

In 2011, Andrea teamed up with Sean Nos dancer, Maldon Meehan with a goal to merge traditional forms of percussive dance with song for stage performance. And thus was the birth of The Stomptowners, a project that continues to grow and please crowds from Portland to beyond.