

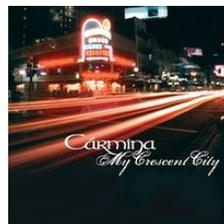
# Carmina

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**Carmina** are an established, highly-acclaimed act on the roots scene, and have attracted a world-wide devoted following, with four albums to date and countless tours in Ireland, the UK and worldwide on the folk, jazz and world circuits. The band have just finished recording their new album, entitled **My Crescent City**, in Dublin with the masterly production of Irish music legend **Dónal Lunny** (Planxty, Moving Hearts); the album features top musicians from Ireland and the UK (please see below).

Founded by songwriters **Rob King** and **Pippa Marland**, Carmina's music is original, soulful and sophisticated - an uplifting blend of traditional and contemporary Celtic sounds with jazz improvisation in powerful original songs, led by Pippa's voice ('wondrous, emoting and enchanting' -*Time Out*). Carmina's music has been compared with **Moving Hearts**, **Joni Mitchell** and **Van Morrison** - yet Carmina's music is uniquely their own, and highly accessible. Reviewers worldwide have described it variously as: 'original and enigmatic; ... spellbinding ...spiritual...fresh; ... overwhelmingly beautiful; inspirational ... vibrant; gorgeously haunting ... magical' (please see website for full reviews).

Due to Rob and Pippa's strong Irish roots, **Carmina** first made their name touring Ireland, and have since played major venues and festivals throughout the world. Appearances have included festivals such as **Glastonbury**, **Trowbridge**, **Belfast Folk**, **Cork Jazz (several times)**, **Marlborough Jazz**, **Edinburgh**, **Galway Arts**, **Brighton Arts**, **Stainsby**, **Cleethorpes**, **Dartmouth**, **Bristol Harbourside**, **Larmer Tree**, **Dublin Blues**, **Mitchelstown**, **Ashton Court (Bristol)**, **Zwolle (Holland)**, **Bruges Winter Festival** and **Labadoux (Belgium)**, **Henley Arts**, **Port Fairy** and **Sydney (Australia)**, **Madrid Jazz (Spain)**.

Carmina's new CD follows their three highly-acclaimed albums to date: **On A Quiet Street** (a live recording in Ireland sponsored by Guinness) ; the studio album **Love Like Angels** ; and the recent re-issue of their first **Dónal Lunny** - produced album **Weather in the Heart**. Reviews of all these albums can be found on the website and the Carmina MySpace pages.

Carmina are currently touring with their strong new core band. The founding duo of **Pippa** and **Rob** are joined by: **Diarmaid Moynihan** (Craobh Rua, Calico) on uilleann pipes and whistles, the London-based jazz pianist **Geoff Castle** (Nucleus, Brendan Power), and fiddle and mandolin player **Chris Haigh** (Kremlinaires). Depending on the venue and budget, the full Carmina band also includes Limerick-based traditional multi-instrumentalist **Brian Morrissey** (North Cregg), and two top UK jazz players: double bassist **David Goodier** (Jethro Tull, Andy Sheppard) and **Nic France** (Dave Gilmour, Tanita Tikaram) on drums and percussion.

The new album also features two very special guests: **Richie Buckley** (Van Morrison, Sharon Shannon) on saxes, who often guests live with the band, and **Dónal Lunny** himself, who as well as producing the album plays his inimitable bouzouki, guitar and bodhrán.

One of the songs from the new album '**Blessed are the Broken**' was chosen as the Tipperary International Song of Peace 2007, and is already receiving airplay on UK national radio and on independent stations around the UK, Ireland and USA.

Carmina have appeared live on both the **Pat Kenny Show** and the **Late, Late Show** in Ireland, and were nominated for the **Hot Press Best Roots Album** and **The IRMA Best Traditional Act** award.

Their song '**Beulah Mae's Dream**' (from *Love Like Angels*) featured on **Galway Bay FM's** Irish music compilation **Embraces**, alongside artists such as Damien Rice, Eddi Reader and Josh Ritter, and the song '**Bird of Paradise**' (from *Weather in the Heart*) is included on the internationally successful compilation album **Celtic Mystique**, which has brought the band success in Japan and the Far East.

Carmina have appeared on radio and TV in the UK, Ireland, Spain, Belgium and Australia, and are currently receiving strong airplay in the USA. **Carmina** songs have been recorded by other artists throughout Europe, and have also been used for several British and European TV programmes. Their music is available in high street stores, on all the major download sites, from Amazon and the Carmina website.