

Ewan MacColl Memorial Concert and Book Launch

Peel Hall, Salford University, Tuesday 27 October 7.30pm

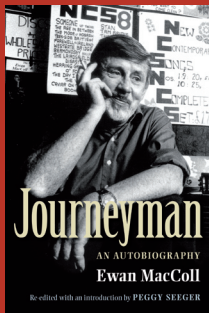
Confirmed artists:

Peggy Seeger

Sandra Kerr, John Faulkner, Bob Blair, Brian Pearson,
Jez Lowe, Bob Fox and David Ferrard

The memorial concert for Ewan MacColl (25 January 1915 - 22 October 1989) looks set to be a landmark folk occasion, commemorating the life and work of one of the major architects of the English folk revival. Far more than a prolific songwriter, folk singer and teacher, MacColl was the founder with Joan Littlewood here in Manchester of the radical theatre workshop movement, a playwright and actor, and a passionate supporter of radical causes.

The concert also celebrates the re-issue by Manchester University Press of *Journeyman*, Ewan MacColl's vivid and entertaining autobiography. This new version has been re-edited from his original manuscript, and includes a new introduction by Peggy Seeger, his partner for the last thirty years of his life. It was for Peggy that he wrote the unforgettable *First Time Ever I Saw Your Face*, and she heads a strong concert line-up.



Journeyman An autobiography

Ewan MacColl,

Revised edition with an introduction by Peggy Seeger

The book brings to life MacColl's Salford childhood, which had a profound influence on his songwriting, inspiring, for example, *Dirty Old Town*.

An entertaining and thought-provoking slice of British history, it will appeal to those interested in the histories of folk music, theatre, radio, left-wing politics and the Manchester area.

Further details

A pre-publication PDF, containing contents page, chapter one and index is available upon request. Post-publication review copies are available. Contact bethan.hirst@manchester.ac.uk, or call +44 (0)161 275 2310.

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SPECIAL CONCERT PRICE £10.00

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets cost £10.00, and can be bought online at www.wegottickets.com, on the door, or through the Manchester University Press office on 0161 275 7746. Ticket holders will also have the chance to purchase *Journeyman* at a special 50% discount. Tickets go on sale **28th August**.