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For the attention of: .....

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**Thursday 1 April 2010**  
**at Chequer Mead, East Grinstead**

## MARTIN SIMPSON

Support: Emily Slade



There is no doubt that after 35 years as a professional musician Martin Simpson is, right now, better than ever. Widely acknowledged as one of the finest acoustic and slide guitar players in the world, his interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling. His solo shows are intense, eclectic, spellbinding and deeply moving.

There is no-one who has more successfully combined the diverse elements of British, Afro- American and old-timey music than Simpson. His 15 years living in the US were well spent. In addition his own song-writing he has produced some real gems, from the truck-stop epic, "Love Never Dies" to the profoundly moving "Never Any Good".

His career includes collaborations on stage and record with June Tabor, Kelly Joe Phelps, Jackson Browne, Danú, Martin Carthy, Cara Dillon, David Lindley, Roy Bailey, Martin Taylor, David Hidalgo, Steve Miller, Dick Gaughan and many more.

Simpson is a very regular nominee in the **BBC Folk Awards** having received Musician of the Year in 2002 and 2005, album of the year in 2002 and, most recently, Best Traditional Track in the 2010 awards (in which he received an unprecedented 6 nominations in 5 of the categories).



Whether playing American old-time music, blues, a Dylan song or his own material, Martin Simpson is unpredictable, individual and a guitarist of immense subtlety.

Support for this show is from the delightful singer-guitarist, **Emily Slade**.

Tickets are £15 (£12.50 conc) Box Office 01342 302000. More information: [www.acousticsussex.or.uk](http://www.acousticsussex.or.uk).

### Quotes - what others say:

*"Although it's his guitar virtuosity that's frequently lauded, it's as an interpreter of song that Martin Simpson really scores. Simpson delivers narratives with colour and conviction. Fittingly be-gonged several times at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Martin Simpson is taking his place, not just as a hero for guitar-besotted acolytes but as one of the national treasures of English traditional music." **BBC Radio 2***

*"Distinctive coiled-spring beauty and power. A revelation...  
Exquisitely at one with the All-English repertoire.. A master " **Mojo***

### What is Acoustic Sussex?

Acoustic Sussex is a non-profit making organisation that puts on live 'folk, roots and acoustic' events in the mid-Sussex area. Any profit we make over the year is used for charitable purposes.