

## **About Julie**

Julie Fowlis' exquisite voice, her interpretation of Scottish Gaelic culture and ability to bring folk music out of the past and into something contemporary, dynamic and irresistible, are what have made her a genuine and multi-award winning crossover star.

Her roots may be firmly in folk music and the Scottish Gaelic culture she grew up in, but her talent and style have brought her into the mainstream, where her unique ability to interpret the culture she is so passionate about, in a way that resonates with all who hear her sing, have won her broad new audiences.

Nominated for BBC Radio 2's Folk Awards 2015, as 'Folk Singer of the Year', and 'Best Artist' at the Songlines world music Awards, Julie has a remarkable series of achievements to her name – including being the first solo Gaelic singer to be radio playlisted on the BBC, happily crossing genre to sing with Mary Chapin Carpenter or James Taylor, the five-time Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter; singing live to a TV audience of around 1 billion people at the Opening Ceremony of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in July 2014; collaborating with Aled Jones and virtuoso violinist Nicola Benedetti; making history by winning a Tartan Clef Scottish Music Award in 2014, and the Folk Band of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards, also in 2014.

## **Brave**

For millions of little girls around the world – and their parents – Julie will forever be known for singing the theme song to Brave, Disney Pixar's Oscar, Golden Globe and BAFTA winning animated film, set in the ancient highlands of Scotland. Finding the perfect, authentic singing voice for the film was a priority for the producers, and they searched long and hard, instantly recognising that they had found what they needed when they first heard Julie sing. Having recorded the final vocal at over eight months pregnant with her second child, Julie accepted the invitation to fly to Hollywood for the premiere, with her co-producer, musical partner and husband, Éamon Doorley, and their two children, aged then just two years and two months.

## **Background**

Julie was brought up on North Uist in Scotland's Outer Hebrides, the last area in Scotland where Scots Gaelic is as prominent as the dominant language of Scotland, English.

She has been a proud standard bearer for Gaelic music and culture over the course of a solo career that has spanned over ten years, and four highly-acclaimed studio albums. The most recent, *Gach Sgeul / Every Story*, released in 2014, was given a five-star album review from Songlines World Music magazine.

Also well-known as a TV and radio presenter, Julie has broadcast for BBC Radio 2 and 4, BBC Radio Scotland and SKY ARTS HD. Most recently she presented the popular TV series *Port with Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh* on BBC ALBA and TG4, and has toured with the internationally-acclaimed *Transatlantic Sessions*, a spin-off from the hit TV series.

Julie remains committed to deepening her knowledge of Highland and Gaelic culture, tradition and history through continued research and academic projects. In addition to her two degrees (a BA Honours in Applied Music and an MA in Material Culture & The

Environment), she was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music by Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen.

### **Personal Life**

Julie is married to long-time musical partner, Éamon Doorley. The couple have two daughters and are currently based in the Highlands of Scotland. A long-time supporter of Scottish design, Julie has worked with artists such as the talented jewellery designer Amy C. Mackay and top couturier Sandra Murray.