

Musical fusion in Bowden concert

Borders musicians Paul Chamberlain and Michael Haywood are releasing their debut album 'First Impression' with a concert in Bowden Village Hall on Friday April 29.

With a fresh take on world music Paul (accordion) and Michael (saxophone/violin/whistle/clarinet) take their instruments on an international tour – enjoy the sultry sounds of the Tango, the rhythmic drive of the Balkans, along with rip-roaring tunes from Russia and Scotland. With their virtuoso playing and fresh musical ideas, Paul and Michael explore the potential of their instruments in a way that is exciting and engaging. They take the strength of each instrument's traditions and blend them into their own unique brand of fusion music. The result is a vibrant, intriguing and occasionally explosive mix of music that crosses cultural boundaries.

Paul grew up in Bowden and his father was the peripatetic violin teacher in the Borders schools for many years, whilst Michael who originally hails from Lockerbie has now settled in the Borders and teaches music at Earlston High School. United by a common interest in traditional music, they bring together Michael's jazz-influenced style and Paul's classical training, to create a dynamic album bursting with energy.

Tickets for the concert are £8 for adults, U-16s free, available at the door on the night. More information is available at www.chamberlain-haywood.com