



## **TuneWood - Irish and Scottish traditional music**

The band enchants their audience with stirring music from Ireland and Scotland. The charming musicians Milena (harp) and Steffi (flute) create their own wonderful arrangements of the traditional melodies. Influenced by their personal musical backgrounds they like to surprise the listeners with creative Sets and sparkling sounds. TuneWoods repertoire shows a wide range of melodies and moods: from swinging dancing music like “jigs”, “reels” and happy polkas to gloomy and touching ballads.

Steffi and Milena first met on Hannover Irish Session and have been playing as TuneWood on various stages since 2018. They love to present their skills live and unplugged.

### **About the musicians:**

Harpist Milena Hoge: to create groovy arrangements and vivid accompaniment are Milenas special qualities for TuneWood. She takes her creativity from a rich and inspiring musical background. After having begun her early musical education on the piano she decided to play the harp at the age of thirteen. Her enthusiasm to choose this instrument resulted from the music of Irish bands that she listened to on her father’s LPs. Soon she gained first experiences of value with the Celtic harp in the Hannover Irish Session. After a while Milena also played Worldmusic, Jazz and Classic. She studied a bachelor on classical harp and is now studying Jazz harp at HFMT in Hamburg.

Stefanie Gärtner on the wooden flute: Steffi is the heart of the melodies of TuneWood. Sensitive she interprets the traditional Tunes and creates great unique TuneWood-sets. During over ten wonderful years in an Irish dancing company she began to fall in love with the traditional dancing music – and especially the sound of the Irish wooden flute. She soon decided to make the flute to “her instrument” and learned from great renowned German and Irish teachers. Amongst thousands of wonderful older and newer traditional melodies and great international flute players the Hannover Irish Session remains a rich source of inspiration for Steffi.