**WILD WILLY BARRETT’S FRENCH CONNECTION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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On **Saturday 4 June**, The Poly presents a fabulous show suitable for all ages, directed by the inimitable Wild Willy Barrett. From a cafe in Paris, via a hoolie in Dublin, to a night out in New Orleans with rip-roaring fiddle and banjo – Willy Barrett’s band does it all!

Charismatic French singer Aurora Colson takes centre stage, captivating audiences with her compelling and expressive vocals as she effortlessly tackles a wide range of styles: from Bluegrass to acoustic blues, with haunting Irish melodies and a touch of Piaf thrown into the mix.

At the heart of the ensemble are the indisputable talents of multi-instrumentalist Wild Willy Barrett, cellist Mary Holland and Irish pipes and whistle player John Devine, whose outstanding musicianship was recently rewarded by an invitation to play in the presence of The Queen at Buckingham Palace. The group’s innovative arrangements are beautifully performed on instruments including the guitar, cello, fiddle, banjo and uilleann pipes, all overlaid with a large dose of wry humour.

A wonderful evening of unique and fresh musical entertainment, very different from anything else you will experience in the UK at the moment.

Tickets cost £12 for adults, £10 for concessions and £8 for children, and are available from the Poly box office (10:00-19:00, Tuesday to Saturday), by calling 01326 319461 or online at [www.thepoly.org](http://www.thepoly.org).

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