

### **27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – The Willow Trio**

The Willow Trio brought “The Swan of Salen” to Lochgilphead Parish Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October as part of the Mid Argyll Arts Association’s 40<sup>th</sup> Season. “The Swan of Salen” is Gaelic folk ballet and was choreographed and filmed to integrate with a live performance of the music by a trio of clarsachs, which for us was The Willow Trio. The arrangements of well-known “Swan Lake” themes were matched by the more classical dance movements including a few “nods” to the traditional choreography of that ballet. This all fused seamlessly as the musical character kept changing to allow Scottish Country Dance figures to flow alongside Highland Dance steps, all with a contemporary dance spin. Giving the traditional Sword Dance a special take as a Crossbow dance was an interesting touch. The only note of disappointment came from an audience member who felt that the costume effect of the two swan dancers was rather as if they had come from “The Return of the Mummy”!

Our December concert is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Lochgilphead Parish Church with The All Sorts, a female a cappella quartet, performing many musical styles including Festive favourites.