**‘Special Relationship’ Tour**

**Spring 2019**

**Venue websites and brochures (80-100 words):**

Show of Hands join forces with long-term friend and collaborator Richard Shindell to present their very own transatlantic ‘Special Relationship’ show this spring. Hailing from New Jersey and now a resident of Buenos Aires, Shindell writes flawless, vivid songs that paint pictures and tell stories. Along with a selection of their own material, Steve and Phil will join Richard to add their sparkle on songs such as ‘You Stay Here’, ‘Reunion Hill’ and ‘Next Best Western’. From the Great War to the Civil War, from Bristol to Baltimore, expect a moving Anglo/American exchange of songs of the road, history and the heart.

**Long-form narrative (press release etc.)**

**Show of Hands hit the road with a very ‘Special Relationship’ in spring 2019**

Steve Knightley and Phil Beer, aka the award-winning acoustic roots duo Show of Hands, are back on the road again, and they’re bringing a friend! For their 2019 spring tour, Knightley and Beer are joined by long-term friend and collaborator Richard Shindell to celebrate their very own transatlantic ‘Special Relationship’. This is a rare chance to sit back and enjoy the sounds of three sublime musical innovators, each at the top of their game.

Hailing from New Jersey and now a resident of Buenos Aires, Richard writes flawless, vivid songs that paint pictures and tell stories. ‘You Stay Here’, ‘Reunion Hill’ and ‘Next Best Western’ have long been firm favourites in the Show of Hands repertoire, so when Richard joins Phil and Steve to perform these classics live it will be nothing short of extraordinary. Loyal Show of Hands fans will need no introduction to Shindell, but for the uninitiated several of Richard’s songs have been covered by Joan Baez, leading him to tour with her. Richard has also appeared at the Royal Albert Hall as Steve and Phil’s special guest.

Steve says, “We’re really excited about Richard joining us on stage in spring. As well as his solo set we’ll be inviting him to join us to perform some of his best-loved songs, and some of ours too. This will be a very special transatlantic-themed evening spent sharing music and stories.”

The set list includes a rich and diverse blend of music from both sides of the pond, juxtaposing British roots with bluegrass, and sea songs with blues. From the Great War to the Civil War, from Bristol to Baltimore, expect a moving Anglo/American exchange of songs of the road, history and romance.

Tickets available at [insert link]

**Facebook Post**

\*\*\* SPRING TOUR 2019 ANNOUNCED \*\*\*

From the Great War to the Civil War, from Bristol to Baltimore, expect an Anglo/American exchange of songs of the road, history and romance as Steve and Phil invite long-term friend and collaborator Richard Shindell to join forces to present a transatlantic ‘Special Relationship’.

Hailing from New Jersey and now a resident of Buenos Aires, Richard is an acclaimed US singer/songwriter, and his songs ‘You Stay Here’, ‘Reunion Hill’ and ‘Next Best Western’ are firm favourites in the Show of Hands repertoire. Diehard Show of Hands will need no introduction to Shindell, but for the uninitiated Richard’s songs have also been covered by the likes of Joan Baez, and he has appeared at the Royal Albert Hall as Steve and Phil’s guest.

Tickets on sale now [insert link]

**Twitter Post**

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Show of Hands invite US singer/songwriter @rshindell to join them on their 2019 spring tour, presenting songs of the road, history and romance through their very own transatlantic ‘Special Relationship’. Tickets on sale now. [link] Pls RT.