

THE BURNS UNIT (who we are)

Emma Pollock (vocals, acoustic & electric guitars, piano)

Mercury-prize-nominee and founding member of Scottish indie quartet The Delgados (who released eight albums between 1996 – 2006), Emma Pollock's 2007 debut, "Watch The Fireworks," was released on 4AD worldwide. Emma released her 2010 recording, "The Law of Large Numbers," through Chemikal Underground, a label she runs with her ex-Delgados bandmates.

Future Pilot AKA (bass, atmospheric)

Future Pilot AKA is the nom de plume of Sushil Dade – an Indo-Scottish musical legend. Sushil was a member of The Soup Dragons, BMX Bandits and, Telstar Ponies before releasing four albums under the name Future Pilot AKA. These recordings feature collaborations with Philip Glass, Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth), Stuart Murdoch (Belle & Sebastian) and Teenage Fanclub.

Karine Polwart (vocals, acoustic guitar, percussion, shruti box)

Twice winner of "Best Original Song" at the UK-wide BBC Folk Awards, Karine Polwart has released four acclaimed solo albums. Karine has appeared as a live guest with both the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and dub-reggae legends Sly and Robbie. Her latest release, "Evergreen," is a collaborative EP recorded with renowned Scots trio LAU.

Kim Edgar (vocals, acoustic & electric guitars, piano, accordion, organ)

Kim Edgar's debut album, "butterflies and broken glass" (produced by Mattie Foulds) was released in 2008. It was named 'Album Of The Week' on BBC Radio Scotland, and received a five-star review in Scotland On Sunday. Kim also accompanies several Scottish songwriters, including Karine Polwart and Dean Owens.

King Creosote (vocals, acoustic guitar, accordion, keyboards)

Kenny Anderson (aka King Creosote) has released over 40 recordings, primarily through his own label, Fence. Celebrity fans include Elton John and author Ian Rankin (who contributed liner notes to his 2005 Warner debut, "KC Rules OK"). He has toured the UK supporting Squeeze and former bandmate (from the Skuobhie Dubh Orchestra) KT Tunstall. His 2009 release, "Flick the Vs." was released on Domino Records.

Mattie Foulds (drums, percussion)

Born and raised in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, Mattie Foulds has recorded and performed with Canadian legends Gordie Sampson (with whom he formed his first band with as a teenager), Natalie MacMaster, and Ashley McIsaac. Since relocating to Scotland in 2003, Mattie has been active as a producer, working with his wife Karine Polwart, and establishing his new portable recording studio, "Mobile With A Home."

MC Soom T (vocals)

MC Soom T has written hundreds of politically charged reggae/dub/punk/hiphop songs showcasing a highly developed rhythmic, percussive and virtuosic vocal style. She has collaborated with an eclectic array of acts such as The Orb, The Bug, Senser and ADF. Her latest project includes a release with leading DLR label 'Jahtari.'

Michael Johnston (vocals, piano, accordion, synth, percussion)

Based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Michael Johnston is one of Canada's most-beloved performers and collaborators. His debut recording, "Curious Heart," was produced by Don Kerr (Ron Sexsmith), and features instrumentalist Don Rooke (Mary Margaret O'Hara). Michael co-wrote and produced the debut album for 19-year-old folksinger Taylor Mitchell, who died tragically while hiking on tour in Canada last October. Michael is also a member of legendary Canadian roots-rock group Skydiggers.