

THE CELTS

The Celts, are Dubliner Patrick D'Arcy (U2, Sting, Josh Groban) and , Fiachra O'Regan from Connemara, Ireland, on uilleann pipes/whistles/bodhran, Luisa Marion on vocals and fiddle, Matt Menefee (Mumford & Sons) banjo/mandolin/ vocals, and Nashville songwriter/producer and band leader Ric Blair on vocals/guitar/bodhran/piano.

"The Celts weave hundreds of years of heritage into their music, which is at once timeless and equally up to the minute..... Their songs are as carefully crafted as heirloom furniture, their music will be cherished way into the future."

Sean Laffey, Irish Music Magazine

The Celts, (formerly *The Nashville Celts*) combine tight vocal harmonies with energetic, fiery Irish trad breaks and their own original songs. The Celts are known for incorporating all things Irish into unlimited genres. From retro disco dance to roots country, jazz, and rock with no restrictions to their creative freedom.

"The Celts performance at the 2023 Kansas City Irish Fest was an absolute delight. Their blend of Celtic traditions and modern energy was captivating to our guests..... making them a highlight of the festival. A must-see for any Celtic music lover."

Keli Wenzel, Exec. Director, Kansas City Irish Fest

The Celts perform in Performing Arts Centers, Theaters, Festivals and have also performed at multiple revered venues such as ***The Grand Ole Opry, The Ryman Auditorium, The Lincoln Center, NPR, WSM Radio, PBS shows Music City Roots, The Bluegrass Underground, and Woodsong's Old Time Radio Hour.***

The new Celts record entitled *Traveling On* featuring guest musicians Jeff Taylor (Bob Dylan, Elvis Costello, etc.) Byron House (Robert Plant, Alison Krauss) on upright bass and Natalya Kay (Gaelic Storm) on fiddle is now available on Spotify and all platforms

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS

"FIRST THERE WAS RIVERDANCE, THEN CELTC WOMAN, AND NOW THE POPULAR PBS PLEDGE SHOW CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS WHICH IS TOURING ACROSS AMERICA" Kevin Crane, PBS

The original national PBS show *Christmas with The Celts* aired on over 200 PBS channels across the U.S., Canada and on the BBC in Ireland for three years. This successful TV show was the initial spark, which created a huge demand for the production bringing them into Performing Arts Centers, Theaters, and large casinos every year.

The first live performance of *Christmas with The Celts* was in front of a sold-out audience at the original Grand Ole Opry (voted top venue by Pollstar) the world-famous *Ryman Auditorium*.

Currently celebrating 14 years of successful national touring, *Christmas with the Celts* perform a wonderful combination of timeless ancient Irish Christmas Carols and lively Irish dance with modern contemporary songs but with Irish instrumentation. New Christmas hits, Celts originals and fresh Irish Dance tunes are added to the show each year so that no 2 years are the same. Always a pleasant surprise.

An Irish Christmas would not be complete without the unpredictable Irish jokes (craic) and banter that occurs between band members and the audience every year and the always crowd pleasing fiery Irish dancers.

The high-stepping spirited musical selections have audiences clapping along from the first lively renditions of popular contemporary Christmas classics. The show presents a perfect combination of modern Christmas hits, lively ancient Irish Carols, hilarious spontaneous humor, thrilling Irish dancing, a children's choir and meaningful Christmas ballads with lush string arrangements giving audiences a most memorable interactive Christmas experience.

Show founder, and film score composer Ric Blair says, "You can't listen to Celtic music and not be happy. *Christmas with the Celts* isn't just a concert; it is a spiritual experience of music and dance uniting communities. It's about bringing young and old together. It is a music of the people. I think that is why this unique melding of modern Christmas hits and organic Celtic instrumentation continues to resonate and grow in popularity every year with audiences."

DANCING WITH THE CELTS

The inspiring story of the Irish Journey to America told through Song & Dance!

The Celts are proud to announce the new, captivating, highly anticipated show DANCING WITH THE CELTS. The rich story of the Irish journey to America is told with electrifying dance, under the backdrop of rousing lively Irish music, featuring heart wrenching ballads, captivating storytelling, whimsical Irish humor and an enchanting multimedia presentation.

The show is not only terrifically entertaining throughout but it also has a fascinating educational element as well. Perfect for Performing Arts Centers and Theaters.

You will laugh, you will cry, but you won't be able to sit still when you experience
DANCING WITH THE CELTS.