

# the CELTS



**T**op Irish musicians have united with the finest Nashville players to create the new sound and energy of The Celts. TC perform a fresh hybrid of Irish Americana which combines their own rootsy originals and tight vocal harmonies with fiery Irish Trad instrumentals.

The Celts are award winning lead singer/fiddler Maggie Lander, Ric Blair on vocals, guitar, piano, and bodhran, Patrick D'Arcy (U2, Sting, Josh Groban) from Dublin, Ireland on pipes, whistle, mandolin, Fiachra O'Regan (Waterboys, Bill Whelan) from Connemara, Ireland on pipes and tenor banjo, and Matt Menefee (Bruce Hornsby, Mumford & Sons) on 5 string banjo/mandolin, dobro, and vocals.

The Celts pack concert halls around the world including The Grand Ole Opry, The Ryman Auditorium, The Lincoln Center, Theaters, and Performing Arts Centers. They have made numerous appearances on WSM Radio, NPR, PBS shows like The Bluegrass Underground, Music City Roots, and Woodsongs Radio Hour. Band leader Ric Blair credits much of their success to their exposure on PBS. The group has shared the stage with Vince Gill, Cathy Jordan (Dervish), Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh (Altan), Ricky Skaggs, Tim O'Brien, Patty Loveless, just to name a few.

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



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