

Cathie Ryan

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"One of the leading voices in Celtic Music." — The L.A. Times

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Irish Music Magazine hails singer songwriter Cathie Ryan as "one of the best we have." For over two decades, including five critically acclaimed albums, countless musical collaborations, multiple awards, and world wide touring, Cathie Ryan has been in the vanguard of Irish music. She is blessed with a voice of luminous clarity, a gift for writing heart-stirring originals, and for unearthing gems from the Irish and American song traditions. She is also a captivating performer with an award-winning band.

There's a very strong interplay between Cathie Ryan Band and the audience at every show – and at festivals it's even more spirited! The open air, buzz, and energy inspire a dive into high-energy traditional tunes and up-tempo numbers. Matt Mancuso blazes on the fiddle, Patsy O'Brien is a wicked rhythm-master on guitar, and Brian Melick is a powerhouse on traditional hand drums from Africa, Cuba, and beyond. Those who love Cathie's trademark songs will not leave disappointed. She mixes them perfectly into their foot stompin' sets!

Past festivals include Musikfest, North Texas Irish Festival, KVMR Celtic Festival, Clearwater Festival, Kent State Folk Festival, An Rí Rá, Dublin Irish Festival, Milwaukee Irish Fest, Erin Feis, Tara Feis, and more. The band can be seen on national and public television throughout the world. Radio highlights include NPR's Mountain Stage and Thistle and Shamrock, BBC, Radio Scotland, and RTÉ, TG4 and RnaG in Ireland.

"A revelation" — The Wall Street Journal

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