



## BLACK IRISH BAND

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*Celtic \* Maritime \* Americana*

*Over 40 years of making music -and twenty-eight CDs*

**Jamestown, CA, July 15, 2023** - When you take Celtic, Spanish, and Americana Music, and mix it up, you get the true nature of the Black Irish Band. For over 30 years this band has created an original sound that no other band has. With over 700 concert performances to date and airplay around the world, the band has kept very busy spreading their brand of progressive folk music to a large audience. Performing both traditional and original music the band is very focused on presenting acoustic music in a very exciting up-beat way that appeals to all ages. The band has written and recorded 96 original songs that appear on many of the bands twenty-seven CD recordings. Many of the original works written by the band are based on history.

Hailing from the historic Gold Rush Town of Sonora, California, this five member Black Irish Band have a musical style that is as timeless as the rugged landscape of the west - a tribute to the people whose lives were spent building the world we now take for granted. The band has a large compliment of traditional maritime and railroad music, as well as Celtic tunes in their repertoire. They excel at creating history in song with an assortment of original songs and traditional ballads. The bands musical style captures the spirit of the immigrants of America, the men and women who tamed the Wild West.

The Black Irish Band has gained much national attention over the last 30 years. In May of 2019, the band was picked as the official musical group of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, at Promontory Summit, Utah. Past performances include: The International Music Festival in Singapore, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alaskan Gold Rush and White Pass & Yukon Railroad, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Forest Service at the Smithsonian and Kennedy Center in Washington DC. To date the band has performed at four hundred venues, such as- The Golden Spike NHS, Gene Autry Museum, the Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Columbia River Maritime Museums.

The Black Irish band: Patrick Michael Karnahan: melodeon, octave mandolin, trumpet, guitar, concertina, vocals \* \* James Dean Nelson: banjo, guitar, vocals \* Michael Mullen: Mandolin, Fiddle, Vocals \* Erich Quinn: bass, vocals \* Micha Dunston: Irish Whistle, drum, and the famous Celtic Frog. Vocals.

The Black Irish Band is a hard-hitting Irish folk, gold rush, and sea music that celebrates the rich stories of the immigrants and working class that built America.

Hear tunes, see photos and videos, and learn more and at the bands website at

[www.blackirish.com](http://www.blackirish.com)

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