

Eileen McGann

Songwriter & Traditional Singer

2002 Juno nominee Eileen McGann is widely acclaimed as one of the best contemporary Canadian songwriters, as well as one of the finest Celtic traditional singers anywhere. Add to this a dynamic performance style, an infectious sense of humour and a singing voice variously described as "magnificent", "stunning" and "hauntingly beautiful", and you have an artist not to be missed.

SONGWRITER

Songs that challenge, stimulate and inspire. Melodies that soar, combined with some of the most intelligent and literate lyrics to be found anywhere, have critics acclaiming Eileen McGann to be one of Canada's finest songwriters. Her compelling songs tackle the challenges of modern life, the journeys of the human spirit, ancient mythologies, and the beauty and fragility of the Canadian wilderness.

TRADITIONAL SINGER

As a singer of the music of the Celtic nations, Eileen McGann has been invited to perform at some of Britain's most traditional festivals. As song-finder, song-interpreter and keeper of the spirit of our ancient and modern traditions, McGann often finds songs that have not been heard for decades and shows a modern audience that they still have power to move and enchant. Moreover, she has shown herself to be a master of penning new, distinctively Canadian songs using the styles and feel of traditional music, merging the old with the new and helping to keep the Celtic tradition alive and growing.

RECORDING ARTIST

Eileen McGann's recordings are consistently given five-star ratings by reviewers on both sides of the Atlantic- they are among the highest rated in the huge "Music Hound Guide to Folk Music". Each of her six solo albums has appeared on numerous "top ten" lists, and they continue to receive strong airplay on folk radio around the world. Her "Beyond The Storm" CD received a 2002 Juno nomination for "Best Roots & Traditional Album".

IN PERFORMANCE

Dynamic and vibrant on stage, Eileen McGann's performances are full of laughter, stories and shared voices. With a singing voice of breathtaking beauty, a compelling guitar style and arrangements that grab the ear and the heart, her live shows are joyful, enthralling and interactive. Delighting audiences from coast to coast across North America and on her tours of Great Britain, she has been called "one of Canada's most distinguished cultural exports".



Eileen McGann tours internationally and across Canada with outstanding vocalist and multi-instrumentalist sideman David K. A full band of three or four members is available for festival bookings.

"McGann has become synonymous with Celtic influenced Canadian folksong. She is one of the finest contemporary Canadian singer-songwriters of today."

-Celtic Heritage Magazine, Halifax, NS

"The last decade has seen McGann establish herself as one of the finest singers, songwriters, and interpreters of traditional music on either side of the Atlantic."

-The Music Hound Guide to Folk, USA