

Bo Fitz & The Yankcelt Band Celebrate 20 Years!

No doubt, one of the highlights of this year's local St. Patrick's Season festivities will be The YankCelt Band's Western Mass Tour "Celebrating 20 Years"!

The YankCelt Band derived its name from the unusual Celtic style produced by this ensemble of American and Irish musicians. The blend of traditional Irish music with threads of rock, jazz and contemporary rhythms sets Bo Fitz and the YankCelt Band apart from most other Irish music.

Formed in 1990 the YankCelt Band's musical roots come from several well known musical groups dating back from the 70's and 80's.

The ensemble now includes Bo Fitzgerald, Jeff Sullivan, Craig Eastman, Guy DeVito, Mixie Clarke and Billy Klock.

Bo Fitz, well known singer/Irish historian, Dustmen alumni and peoples champion, will be fronting The YankCelt Band with his powerfully animated vocal stylings and Irish drumming.

Jeff Sullivan, also a Dustmen alumni, will be playing guitar, banjo and his Dad's antique button box accordion.

Craig Eastman, fiddler and mandolinist extraordinaire and SunDog veteran, is currently residing in Los Angeles California where he performs on stage and in the recording and film industries. Craig's music can be heard on soundtracks of numerous blockbuster movies including "Pearl Harbor" and "Pirates of the Carribean" as well as on Steve Martin's newest 2010 Grammy Award winning album in concert with picker/producer John McEuen of Nitty Gritty Dirt Band fame.

Guy DeVito is a veteran bassist of Rock and Roll legends FAT and John Kay and Steppenwolf. Guy was educated in the Irish tradition during his production of Bo's recording "The Minstrelsy".

Also joining the band is Galway Ireland's highly acclaimed and wildey animated singer and accordionist, Mixie Clarke.

Billy Klock, rounds out the band on drums. Billy has established himself as one of the region's premier drummers and has played with the Bobby Darling Show and is in demand for live and studio work.

This rare concoction of Irish music sung and played with traditional and contemporary instrumentation by these seasoned musicians promises to deliver many delightful sounds to whoever has the good fortune to be listening