

Brendan McKeever & Mark Gregory

The Irish Trancenditional Blues Band

Press Release



Brendan McKeever

Brendan McKeever is a singer and guitarist who comes from County Armagh in the north of Ireland. He comes from a long musical tradition, his grandfather, a fiddle player, being one of the major influences in the Irish traditional music of that area. Brendan started playing music at the age of 5. After many years playing Classical and winning 2 Irish Traditional All-Ireland titles along the way, Brendan developed a name for himself, and quickly became a much sought-after guitarist to many touring bands. During this time he worked with various groups, in genres ranging from Traditional Irish, Contemporary Folk, to Rhythm & Blues, and Rock, and he toured America on a number of occasions with some of the greatest names on the modern day music scene.

In 1994, Brendan moved to Norway, and started to develop more as a solo artist. His vast wealth of material, and his adaptation of many songs into an acoustic setting, has gained him the notice and respect of audiences and aficionados wherever he has gone. It was in Trondheim that he and Mark Gregory met up again. They first played music together when Brendan lived in County Clare, in the early 1990's.

Mark Gregory

Mark Gregory has his roots in Blues music. As a youngster growing up in Somerset in the English West Country, his staple musical diet consisted of Blind Lemon, Leadbelly, Robert Johnson, and all the other old great blues legends. Mark moved to Ireland in the early 1970's, and was fortunate to live in an area that was home to a style of music often referred to as The Irish Traditional Blues. The East Clare style of Traditional music is unique among Irish regional styles. The geography of the region, the changing landscape, the weaving, twisty roads, the humour and easy-going nature of the people of County Clare, is all reflected in this laid-back musical style.

Mark also is a gifted songwriter and guitarist, and brings with him many of his own compositions. He also regularly tours Europe and Scandinavia with his band, 'Chronicles', a musical partnership with Trondheim-based musician, John Heitman.

Mark and Brendan form the basis of The Irish Trancenditional Blues Band; an eclectic mix of Irish Traditional, Blues, along with classic popular songs from years gone by. They have been playing together for 20 years, and they call on all that vast experience, and more, to bring you an unforgettable musical evening.

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