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ARTIST BIO / NEWS RELEASE: Skerryvore (revised September 2017)

Twice winners of Scotland's Traditional Music 'Live Act of the Year' Award (2016 & 2011), SKERRYVORE have been on a meteoric journey that has taken them from the remote Isle of Tiree on to International tours that have included performances in Central Park NYC, The Ryder Cup Louisville and the Shanghai Expo, China.

SKERRYVORE create a unique fusion of folk, trad, rock and pop that represents all the different personalities and upbringing of the 8 band members who hail from different regions of Scotland.

Formed in 2005, the band marked their 10th anniversary in 2015 with a 'Decade' concert at Mossfield Stadium, Oban. After selling 3,000 tickets in ninety minutes, the capacity was increased and 6,000 visitors from all over the world enjoyed SKERRYVORE, joined by a host of guests including Dougie MacLean and legendary Irish musician Sharon Shannon.

The success of the Decade concert led to the creation of the band's own annual festival, Oban Live that has now attracted over 10,000 attendees to enjoy international acts including KT Tunstall, We Banjo 3, Julie Fowlis and Capercaillie alongside SKERRYVORE.

2017 saw the release of the single Live Forever that provided the soundtrack for the Scottish tourism promotional campaign 'Wild About Argyll' and saw the single hit No.1 in the iTunes World Music chart. This was followed by the launch of the Live Forever Tour that has the band performing over 70 shows in the UK, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Netherlands and the United States.

2018 will bring the release of SKERRYVORE's 6th studio album accompanied by a global tour that will include a headline performance at the legendary Tonder Festival, Denmark.

Stats: (as of August 2017)

Physical Album Sales: 59,000+
Digital Tracks: 16,400+
Bundles: 6,800+
Streams: 1,800,000+
Social Media Followers: 40,000+

Awards and Achievements:

STMA (Scots Traditional Music Awards) Live Act of the Year (2016 and 2011 winners; 2014 nominee)
UK Folk Radio Album of the Month (Sept 2014, for Chasing the Sun)
Radio Scotland Album of the Month (June 2012, for World of Chances)
SNMA (Scottish New Music Awards) Album of the Year (2011, for album Skerryvore)
SNMA Singer/Songwriter of the Year 2011 (for lead singer Alec Dalglish)
PSYBT Young Entrepreneurs of the Year 2009

Quotes:

"Skerryvore have crafted a world beating fusion, which takes pride in their heritage and above all else is a pure joy to listen to."
FOLK RADIO UK

"A spectacular mix of traditional Scottish folk music and the most diverse rock elements." Süddeutsche Zeitung, GERMANY

"Fantastic as usual. Great artists to work with." Milwaukee Irish Fest, US

"Skerryvore have evolved to become one of Scotland's greatest musical exports." Wickham Festival, ENGLAND

"See them now before they rocket up into the same musical orbit as the mighty Mumford & Sons." Falkirk Herald, SCOTLAND