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ARTIST BIO / NEWS RELEASE: Skerryvore (revised May 2018)

Skerryvore kicked off 2018, with an astounding performance in front of 12K revelers at Inverness Hogmanay celebrations. The year was yet another whirlwind of live events, but also interspersed with preparatory work for EVO, their latest album, due for release on June 11th.

Described as ‘The sound of Young Scots Power Folk,’ (Mark Radcliff, BBC Radio 2), the band - Tíree brothers Daniel Gillespie (accordion) and Martin Gillespie (whistles & accordion), Fraser West (drums & vocals), Alec Dalglish (lead vocals & guitar), Craig Espie (fiddles), Alan Scobie (keyboards) and Jodie Bremaneson (bass) and recent addition Scott Wood (bagpipes) – tour extensively, not only throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK, but also worldwide.

The 2015, their Decade World Tour was launched with a sell-out 6000 capacity concert at Mossfield Stadium, Oban and then took in Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark and USA, as well as UK gigs stretching from Shetland to the South of England. Skerryvore returned to USA in August 2016 for a 7-week, coast to coast tour, their longest yet. Then in 2017, they signed with US agents SRO and enjoyed 2 US tours – a festivals tour and a theatres tour – and by Easter had already completed two of multiple transatlantic trips in 2018.

All members bring their own musical style to the Skerryvore mix. The more they have experimented with this mix, the more the band and their signature sound has evolved. This is evident in the progression across the 6 albums released since 2005.

Their latest 11 track album, EVO is a mix of songs and tunes that typically migrate from ‘big blast’ numbers to heartfelt, reflective tracks. It includes the previously released single “Live Forever” and their latest release, “Take My Hand.” A video for “Take My Hand” was release in mid-May.

Following on from the sell-out success of their 2015 Decade event, Skerryvore’s “Oban Live” launched as a two-day event in May 2016 and is now fully established on the Scottish Music Festivals calendar with the third instalment in June 2018. Follow the band by visiting www.skerryvore.com

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

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