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ARTIST BIO / NEWS RELEASE: Skerryvore (revised May 2019)

Take two brothers, Daniel (Accordion) and Martin Gillespie (pipes, whistles and accordion), steeped in the Scottish west coast ceilidh tradition on the Isle of Tiree, and add in friends Fraser West (drums) and Alec Dalgligh (guitar and vocals), with a background in brass bands, wind bands, jazz bands, and with blues, folk and country influences, and you have the 2005, embryonic Skerryvore.

Fast forward 10 years, add Craig Espie (fiddle) and Jodie Bremaneson (bass), bring in your album producer Alan Scobie on Keyboards and mix in the Glasgow music scene – from University Applied Music courses and Traditional Music courses at the Royal Conservatoire to sell out gigs at O2 ABC – and you have a band that has already won Scottish Traditional music’s ‘Live Act of the Year’ in 2011 – they were to win it again in 2016 – and who, rightly, celebrated their decade by launching their own 6000 capacity festival.

By the time the 2019 version of that festival – now christened ‘Oban Live’ – comes around, that evolutionary development will have added BBC young traditional musician of the year finalist Scott Wood (pipes and whistles), produced ‘EVO,’ their latest album, and the curtain will have fallen on their EVO world tour which took their high energy, musically expansive set not just throughout UK and Europe, but also to USA, Canada and Australia.

Skerryvore represent the best in contemporary Scottish traditional music, with a growing fanbase worldwide and with the promise of much more to come.

2020 will mark the 15th year of Skerryvore, and see the band embark on an special anniversary world tour to select venues and festivals.

www.skerryvore.com

Stats:

Physical Album Sales: 69,000+
Digital Tracks: 20,000+
Bundles: 8,300+
Streams: 3,700,000+
Social Media Followers: 50,000+

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 Dalgligh)
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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