

Twisty Willow

is a three piece Celtic Band based on fiddle, bodhran (Celtic Drum), guitar, and vocals.

Performing since 1990, Twisty Willow is in demand for functions in Auckland and North Island towns. The music is Irish, Scottish or both - rowdy sing-along songs, traditional, contemporary, and original - soft ballads, lively jigs, reels, polkas and hornpipes. The style ranges from Dubliners to Pogues, Chieftains to Van Morrison, Corries to Proclaimers, Fureys to Waterboys and more. Twisty Willow's music is sure to set a crowd singing and dancing. We can provide Irish and Scottish song sheets and aim to get the audience participating.



Concerts, Fairs, Shows

Pubs and Clubs



Weddings

Ceilidhs, Weddings and Parties

Twisty Willow specialises in ceilidhs (sometimes called Barn dances), concerts, parties, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, reunions, school, church and community fund-raisers, for audiences with a variety of ages and backgrounds.

Ceilidh dancing, taught and called by the band, particularly suits these occasions by breaking the ice, mixing people and creating a fun atmosphere.

We can help you plan a ceilidh.



Ceilidh Dancing



Some Highlights

- Ceilidh dance classes
- Growing popularity of Irish and Scottish ceilidhs especially for Weddings, Parties and Corporate occasions
- Music in the Parks
- Cornwall Park x7, Papakura Sounds at Sunset
- Whangamata Summer Festival concerts x4 - including 2009
- Waipu Highland Games concerts and ceilidhs x8
- A & P Shows entertainment
- St Patrick's and St Andrew's nights
- Wine and Food Festivals - Devonport, Ellerslie
- Blues, Brews & Barbeques Festival, Mt Maunganui
- Rose of Tralee NZ finals in Auckland
- Brown's Bay Fairs and Xmas parades
- 10 day Fiji tour
- Sell-out concert, Baycourt Theatre, Tauranga
- Keltic Fair, Coromandel (for 8 years)
- Numerous Irish Tourist Board promotions

The Celtic Connection

Many Kiwis have Celtic connections. Celtic theme nights with Irish and/or Scottish singing and dancing are a great idea for fund-raisers, social occasions or concerts. Twisty Willow can adapt the entertainment to suit any function from rowdy pubs to quieter restaurants, weddings or formal balls. We also have a repertoire suited to a medieval theme.



Music in Parks

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Musicians: (below, right to left)

Kerry Adams (guitar and lead vocals)

Kerry is an established New Zealand rocker who has re-discovered his Celtic roots. He has been playing guitar or drums in rock bands for ever and brings a great voice and a strong sense of rhythm to the band. Kerry has Scottish ancestry on both sides of his family and a love of both Scottish and Irish music.

Barb Bycroft (fiddle, lead vocals, dance calling)

A Kiwi, Barb is classically trained, playing in orchestras, chamber groups and for shows for many years. She has since followed her roots and love of Celtic music developing an energetic, expressive style on electric fiddle.

Wes Bycroft (bodhran (Celtic drum), dance caller and vocals)

Wes' strong bodhran playing provides the Celtic rhythm and depth. A Kiwi, Wes calls ceilidh dances, does the sound and the band business management and publicity.

Recordings:

- "Anthems from a Wing-ed Seed" 2009, 10 original songs and 2 trad instrumentals
- "Maybe Someday" 2002, profiling 10 original songs by Duane
- "Better Times" 2001, 11 tracks of trad songs, tunes and originals
- "Darkness in the Sky" 1996, 19 tracks featuring 8 originals, Ode Records
- "Shake Your Shamrocks" 1995, compilation CD with Guinness, 4 tracks and production
- "Emerald" 1993, Irish songs and instrumentals
- "Tartan" 1993, Scottish songs and instrumentals
- "Voyages Jig" 1992, recorded tune by Don McGlashen for NZ pavilion at Seville Expo
- "New Wave Folk Dance" 1990, 16 tracks for a teaching resource for schools



We have contacts for Irish and Scottish dancers, pipers and haggis ceremony

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Celtic Music for all occasions



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