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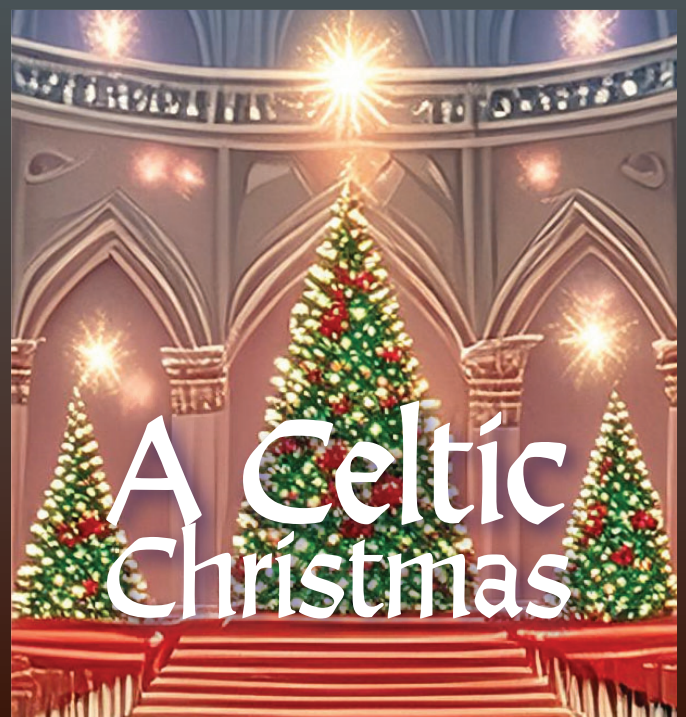


Texas' Top Celtic Quintet

Symphonic Programs
2024-2025 Season



Ocean
of Song



A Celtic
Christmas

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Dallas-based Skyland is an eclectic quintet trained in classical music, Celtic folk, and other styles.

Originally founded in 2008, we performed for 15 years under the name "5 Second Rule," appearing at Celtic festivals and pubs around the Southwest. In 2023 we rebranded ourselves as "Skyland" to seek out new audiences, create original music, and find fresh ways to blend our decades of multi-genre experience.

In December 2023, Skyland performed holiday shows with the **Richardson Symphony Orchestra**, and also with the **Turtle Creek Chorale** (along with **Celtic Woman** founding singer Chloë Agnew). We also appeared on the main stage at the **TCR Festival** in Waxahachie (now called the *Crossroads of Texas Country Festival*), where we'll perform again this October.

We have two exciting new programs for your consideration - a holiday show, and an ocean-themed Celtic show for any time of year. Our shows are flexible and easy to assemble with minimal rehearsal. Our instruments are wireless so we can move and connect with your audience!



Kat Glaze (fiddle) - Equally proficient as both classical violinist and traditional fiddler, Kat is in demand as a recording artist, pit musician, and stage performer in the D/FW area. Kat has also appeared onstage in several stage shows.



Ian Gill (vocals, guitar) - A skilled guitarist with a powerful tenor voice, Ian is Associate Music director at First United Methodist Church in Richardson and conductor of the Richardson Community Chorale.



David Lovrien (Irish whistles, saxophone) - Composer, music publisher, and musician with the Dallas Winds for over 30 years. His musical underscore for **Texas Country Reporter's** "Texas Tribute" show toured 13 Texas symphonies in 2022.



Paul Dryer (mandolin, banjo, guitar) - Paul is a multi-instrumental talent well-known among the Irish music communities in Texas. He has over 40 years experience in jazz, rock, bluegrass, and gospel bands.



Rick Holt (percussion) - A master of the Irish frame drum (bodhrán), Rick is also an experienced composer and orchestrator. His *Celtic Mass* for choir, orchestra & folk instruments has been performed by several D/FW churches.

Our Symphonic Programs

Ocean of Song

An evening of romance & adventure on the high seas

“Ocean of Song” is an original suite showcasing Skyland’s vocal harmonies and instrumental skills, with sweeping, cinematic orchestral accompaniment. Musical styles and traditional melodies from multiple Celtic nations are incorporated - from Ireland and Scotland to Asturias and Galicia in northern Spain.

Other stand-alone arrangements can be added or used as encores, including the familiar *Skye Boat Song* (theme from TV’s “Outlander”) and *The Parting Glass*, a traditional Celtic farewell.

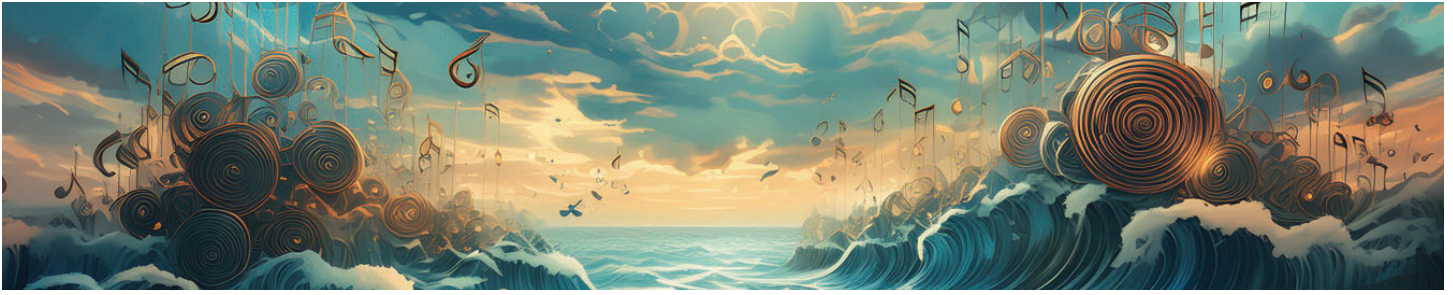
A Celtic Christmas

Holiday music featuring Texas’ Top Celtic Quintet

A crowd-pleasing variety of holiday charts featuring the instrumental and singing talents of Skyland. Medleys of Irish carols, traditional favorites, and other featured works, all with full orchestra accompaniment.

We’re also happy to help lead your traditional carol sing-long, or add an unaccompanied selection or encore.





Ocean of Song

Adventure & romance on the high seas

Audio samples and score perusal at <https://skylandofficial.com/symphony>

Ocean of Song is an original symphonic suite, composed and orchestrated by Skyland members David Lovrien and Rick Holt. Inspired by the 1911 poem, "The Ocean of Song" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, it is both a song cycle and a concerto grosso for folk instruments & orchestra. Heartfelt ballads, cinematic moods, and stirring images of whalers, pirates, and sirens combine to tell a story of the irresistible allure of the sea.

Music rental package includes:

- **Ocean of Song** (Suite for Celtic Quintet & Orchestra) 22'00"
 1. The Ocean of Song
 2. Sea Shanties
 3. Maelstrom
 4. Siren Song
 5. Finale
- **Skye Boat Song** - Traditional Scottish song (theme from TV's "Outlander"). 4'00"
- **The Parting Glass** - Traditional Scottish/Irish farewell, 5-part harmony by Skyland. 5'30"
- Program time: 30-32 minutes



The Ocean of Song

In a land beyond sight or conceiving,
In a land where no blight is, no wrong,
No darkness, no graves, and no grieving,
There lies the great ocean of song.
And its waves, oh, its waves un beholden
By any save gods, and their kind,
Are not blue, are not green, but are golden,
Like moonlight and sunlight combined.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1911)



A Celtic Christmas

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A Celtic Christmas is a diverse program of holiday favorites, including traditional tunes from Ireland and Scotland.

Music rental package includes:

- **Of The Father's Love Begotten** - flashy, virtuosic Celtic opener for fiddle, whistles and orchestra. 3'35"
- **An Irish Christmas Eve** - features the Irish version of "Deck the Halls" and "The Christmas Eve Reel." A spritely medley with a big finish. 4'00"
- **From Every Spire on Christmas Eve** - a haunting and profound (yet relatively unknown) 19th-century Christmas anthem. Skyland sings in 5-part harmony, with instrumental interludes for violin & Irish whistle. 5'00"
- **Wexford Carol** - Ireland's most popular Christmas carol. **NEW FOR 2024**
- **A Carol of Jigs** - A clever instrumental medley of favorite Christmas tunes, each played in the style of a lively Irish jig. 5'30"
- **O Holy Night** - A Christmas audience favorite, sung by lead vocalist Ian Gill with a tender orchestral accompaniment. 3'30"
- **The Parting Glass** - A traditional Irish farewell, sung in 5-part harmony by Skyland. 5'30"
- Program time: 27-30 minutes



Sample Holiday Program

RSO HOLIDAY CLASSICS [WITH SKYLAND]

DECEMBER 2, 2023

Jingle Bells Fantasy	(orchestra)	arr. John Wasson [5:00]
Frosty All the Way	(orchestra)	arr. Ed George [3:00]
Of the Father's Love Begotten	(Skyland+orchestra)	arr. Matt Riley [3:30]
Irish Christmas Eve	(Skyland+orchestra)	arr. David Lovrien [4:00]
The Christmas Song	(orchestra)	arr. Bob Lowden [3:00]
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	(orchestra)	arr. Richard Hayman [2:00]
Traditional Jigs Set	(Skyland)	Traditional (5:00)
From Every Spire on Christmas Eve	(Skyland+orchestra)	arr. David Lovrien [5:00]

-INTERMISSION-

The Concert Suite from Polar Express	(orchestra)	arr. Jerry Brubaker [7:00]
O Little Town of Bethlehem	(orchestra)	arr. Arthur Harris [4:00]
O Holy Night	(Ian Gill+orchestra)	arr. David Lovrien [3:30]
Traditional Slavic Christmas Music	(orchestra)	arr. Leopold Stokowski [3:30]
A Christmas Scherzo	(orchestra)	arr. Don Sebesky [4:00]
The Parting Glass	(Skyland+orchestra)	arr. Rick Holt [4:30]
Carol of Jigs	(Skyland+orchestra)	arr. Rick Holt [5:30]



Upcoming Appearances

JULY

Tuesday, July 23

Pocket Sandwich Theater

Carrollton, TX

Friday, July 26

Allen Public Library

Allen, TX

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 26

Crossroads of Texas Country Festival

Waxahachie, TX

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 5

First United Methodist Church

Richardson, TX



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Pricing



Symphonic

Ocean of Song or *A Celtic Christmas* - guest artist performance with orchestra. Includes rehearsals up to 26 hours before performance, plus pre- or post-concert Q&A, meet-and-greet or reception as requested.

Appearance fee \$ 5000 plus travel and accommodations

Music rental package \$ 750



Standalone

Need a band for your fundraiser or other event? We have over 15 years experience playing festivals, pubs, and concerts as a standalone group. Grooving Celtic tunes, progressive folk - even jazz and bluegrass.

Appearance fee \$ 3500 plus travel and accommodations