

Across the Pond to Release Little Beggarman Album

Gettysburg, PA – October 9, 2019 – Regional Celtic trio Across the Pond will officially release its 2nd CD, *Little Beggarman*, October 20, 2019, when it is expected to hit digital distribution outlets around the world.

They will have physical CDs available at three “release parties” in November in Pennsylvania and Maryland; Saturday, November 2nd, from 7-10pm, at The Cider House in Gettysburg, PA; Friday, November 8, from 6-8pm at Music Makers in Waynesboro, PA; and, Sunday, November 17th from 12:30-8pm at The Shamrock Restaurant in Thurmont, MD.

The long-awaited CD has some exciting new pieces, including an emotion-invoking rendition of Tommy Sands’ *Children of the Dole* and a very moving arrangement of Dougie MacLean’s instrumental *The Gael*, which became the main theme to the 1992 film *The Last of the Mohicans*.

Mike Morrison, Chuck Krepley and Dan Diviney are joined by award-winning vocalist Marilyn Dolly, champion-level Irish dancer Emily Warren, and up-and-coming singer-songwriter Maddie Yingling. Marilyn is the lead vocalist on two tracks, Emily dances on two tracks, adding authentic percussion, and Maddie Yingling sings harmony on *Children of the Dole*, a song written by Tommy Sands. She is the young granddaughter of whistle player Dan Diviney.

Across the Pond has performed nearly 500 shows from North Carolina to Quebec and Ontario, including performing for Screen-writer Jez Butterworth and the cast of *The Ferryman* (Jez received a Tony Award recently for Best Play); author Nora Roberts; London-based Captify company; and a number of Irish, Celtic, European and International festivals, and too many weddings to count.

Their music is refreshing. They start with traditional Celtic music, and then have their way with it, developing arrangements with American bluegrass and country influences. Belfast native and musician Jim Brady had this to say about their style of music: “Across the Pond is for real. These lads will assault you with authenticity and pure spirit of Irish music. A breath of fresh air in a genre over-saturated with cut-rate Dropkick-wannabe tripe! Irish traditional music is very much alive with Across the Pond! Keep it up, boy-o’s!!”

Their first CD, *Kid on the Mountain*, was awarded Best Contemporary song for one track, and a nomination for Best Traditional for another track. It was entered in the Irish Traditional Music Archives in Dublin, Ireland.

Come find out why this cutting edge ‘New-Trad’ band has been asked to play from North Carolina to Ontario and Quebec.

What they are saying about the band:

“Across the Pond was absolutely amazing. We hired them for our wedding, and everyone at the wedding remarked how wonderful they were -- including Irish relatives of mine who are also musicians. I honestly had very high expectations as I love trad music, and lived in Galway, Ireland for a time -- and they blew me away.”

“Across the Pond was an outstanding musical centerpiece to our New Year's Eve wedding. It is clear that all the members of this Celtic musical group love what they do and are truly incredible musicians”. (At Dubliner in DC)

“Across the Pond were the ultimate Irish band experience. They were professional, accommodating, friendly and their sound equipment was of top quality and able to fill a large space. I would definitely recommend them for anyone looking for wonderful Irish music. Great experience overall”. Dec 31, 2019 NYE party for The Ferryman cast in Manhattan - Christina G.

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