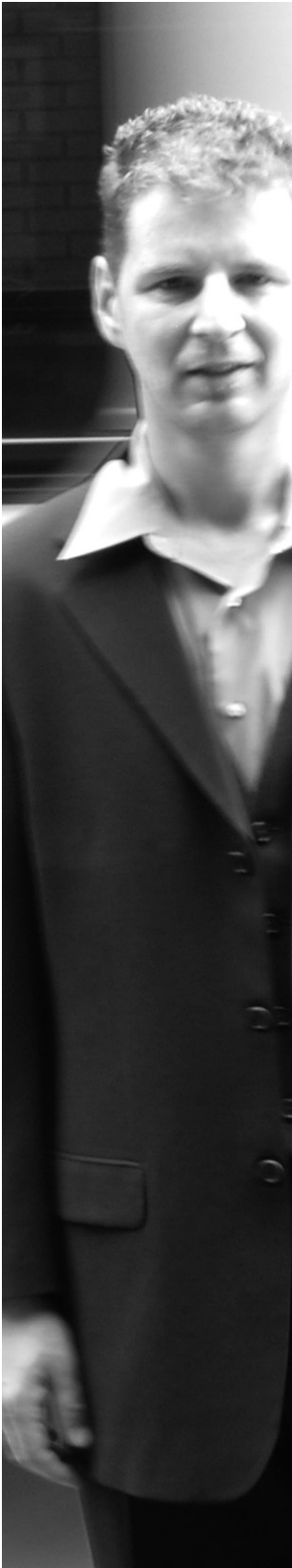


THE JOHN BYRNE BAND



The John Byrne Band is led by former Patrick's Head front man and Dublin native John Byrne. In the spring of 2009, with Patrick's Head closing the curtain on a very successful 8-year run, John began recording new material with producer Andrew Keenan and engineer/producer Devin Greenwood. The resulting album, *After the Wake*, is scheduled for release in February 2010. With influences ranging from The Chieftains to Planxty to Bob Dylan, John's songwriting honors and expands upon the musical and lyrical traditions of his native and adopted homes.

During John's time with Patrick's Head, the band released five CDs, three of original music and two of Irish folk songs, between 2001 and 2007. The band was roundly praised in the press for its sparkling live shows and innovative folk-rock sound.

John and the band promoted these albums with a series of sold out shows at World Café Live in Philadelphia and many of the East Coast's premiere live acoustic venues. The John Byrne Band, however, is as much at home in a traditional session at a corner bar as it is in larger venues opening for national acts. John has toured with and opened up for acts as diverse as The Hothouse Flowers, The Young Dubliners, Ian Gillan (of Deep Purple), Tempest, Gaelic Storm, Ceann, Ceili Rain, The Screaming Orphans, Black 47 and Enter the Haggis. He has also been frequently featured on WXPB, WSTW and local College Radio.

With all new material, and an all new line-up The John Byrne Band skillfully delivers the new songs from *After the Wake*, along with many Patrick's Head favorites, to captivated audiences in venues from New York to Philadelphia to Nashville.

"Straight up contemporary Celtic folk . . . fantastic"

Marc Gunn *Irish and Celtic Podcast*

"Vocals delivered with the utmost sincerity and music that follows suit"

Catherine L. Tully *Celtic MP3s Music Magazine*

"Folk music, all the way through, and at its very best . . . traditional and original songs, each one as amazing as the one before. I tell you frankly that I wept salty tears, brought on by both the subject matter of the lyrics and the intensity of the delivery."

Album Review 2009 *Celtophilia.com*

"A happy alchemy of American country, blues and Irish folk songs—introspective songs of joy, love and heartache, telling of experiences and journeys . . ."

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