

Lyra Celtica, with existing members Mark Canning & Frank McGuire have now been joined by Jim Divers and Sean O'Rourke, 2 original and founding members of the JSD Band.

The JSD Band became Scotland's most successful folk-rock act ever, selling thousands of albums worldwide with EMI Records, touring Britain, Europe and the USA doing concerts, TV and radio with the likes of David Bowie and the Spiders from Mars, and sharing bills with acts such as Status Quo, Sly and the Family Stone, Lindisfarne, Lou Reed, The Sensational Alex Harvey Band, and The Average White Band. The late, great John Peel, who wrote the sleeve notes for their 2nd album, was among their many admirers.

The music of the JSD Band fused traditional Irish, Scottish, American and English folk songs with modern rock rhythms and instruments — an important innovation in the development of the celtic music scene and very influential at the time.

Lyra Celtica have been performing traditional music and song for nearly 10 years. Winners of the Anne O'Brien Tribute Stage Award in 2005, remaining members Mark Canning and Frank McGuire continue to add their unique blend of rhythm to the band's sound.

"Winners of the Anne O'Brien Tribute Stage Award." Gig n the Bann, 2005

"Great fun & quality music"Living Tradition (Issue 65)

"If you haven't seen them, you will be blown away. If you have, then you'll know what I'm saying....Absolute stars."

....Paul Creighton (Common Ground/ Dunure Music Festival 2008)

"Excellent live...tipped for an exciting future."All Celtic Music

"all-stops-out band Lyra Celtica tore into it with a snap and panache that Billy Pigg himself might have envied." Christopher Sommerville, Daily Telegraph

"Together they are something very special." Terri Freeman, Sunderland Echo

"They produced a show which was one of the performances of the year at the club." Aberdeen Folk Club

"A fantastic evening with Lyra Celtica...brilliant" Northumberland Gazette

"Incredibly talented trio..blew everyone away at this year's Spring Thing festival." Darlington & Stockton Times

"A great night of music...talented band." Dick Glasgow, Ballymoney & Moyle Times

"We had the highest audience number for years and everyone commented on having such a wonderful evening."

Derek Moore, Moore or Less Folk Club

"A highly impressive act."John McLeod, Thurso Review

"Superb...Brilliant...Who could not enjoy it, really?" .

....Alan Wilkinson (Folk & Roots/ Northern Sky)

Having steadily built up a reputation for fantastic live performances, the album was also hailed as a great success, ("excellent music", Living Tradition, Issue 65) and has seen the band go from strength to strength.