

Derina Harvey Band

Heartfelt ~ Energetic ~ Celtic Rock



dHb (left to right): Scott Greene, Ed Smith, Derina Harvey, Steve Pinsent, Jess Blenis

Derina Harvey leads the Celtic Rock sensation, the Derina Harvey Band (dHb), recent winners of the coveted **People's Choice Award at the 2018 Edmonton Music Awards**. With a show that offers a fresh take on traditional folk songs as well as a few originals, Derina's vibrant personality takes center stage with humour, storytelling, and, of course, her world class vocals. dHb has been likened to a **"rockier" version of Canada's Great Big Sea, if fronted by Adele**, and has earned a reputation as a high-energy live show that leaves many an audience out-of-breath and hollering from their seats! **dHb concerts can be adapted to suit any venue**; whether it's a captivating night of telling stories through song for an audience in a Performing Arts Center, or a dinner and dance in a community hall. The band has already covered a fair amount of Canada via the performing arts and festival circuits (**over 180 performances since starting 2016**), and is now poised to take the United States by storm, having been **selected for three juried US showcases in the past year**. The group's showcase at the **Arts Northwest Conference in Tacoma in 2017** garnered them the **"Best Showcase" Award** and resulted in numerous bookings in the Northwest. The band has already received interest from across the US from their **2018 showcases at the Western Arts Alliance Conference in Las Vegas** and the **Performing Arts Exchange in Orlando**.

What others are saying about the band...

"...a wonderful evening of entertainment that should not be missed. The Derina Harvey Band is a great example of why you want to see and hear music performed live, to be able to appreciate and marvel at the energy, spirit and skill of each one of the five band members. Don't miss the Derina Harvey Band."

-John and Sandra Barth, Lakes District Arts Council, Burns Lake

"The Derina Harvey Band was one of the best shows we have ever had! Derina and the [band] had the audience begging for more. From an organizer's perspective they were a joy to work with, I highly recommend them."

- Kelly Starling, Manager at The Max Center, Drayton Valley

"We received countless comments from audience members about how much fun the show was; Derina's onstage energy is electric and spreads throughout the entire venue."

- Josh Gennings, Shell Theatre Supervisor, Dow Centennial Center

"...a pleasure to work with always looking for the best scenario for the band and presenters and working to make each booking a win-win situation. I would recommend the Derina Harvey Band for your venue or conference as you will have a talented band backed by dedicated behind the scenes people to make you, your event or show and the band successes."

- Skip Taylor, Performing Arts Coordinator, Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Councils

Discography



The Fallen Man's Daughter (October, 2018) is a Celtic-country ballad.



Up All Night (July, 2018) is an upbeat Celtic pop-rock anthem that has received airplay in AB and NL.



Rove and Go (2016) received airplay at over 30 stations across Canada and charted at #65 on CKUA's (Edmonton) top-played albums of 2016.



dHb (2013) continues to receive some airplay across Canada on public and community radio.

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Educational Programs and Community Outreach

The members of the Derina Harvey Band have years of experience teaching music to students of all ages, ranging from private lessons to band coaching to musical activities for children in elementary classrooms.

As part of a visit to your community, dHb can provide educational programs for students of all ages ranging from one to two hours. For instance, younger students can be involved in a songwriting activity whereby the children are taught about the different sections of a song and basic musical components. The group is then guided through choosing key musical elements of a song combined with a fill-in-the-blank lyrics approach. Older students can be taught musical concepts in the context of the band's Celtic rock style. For instance, high school music students can be engaged in a critical listening session, whereby they are introduced to the Celtic genre via several groups ranging from traditional to contemporary. A master class is available on how dHb takes a traditional folk song and arranges it for a modern band, hitting points on orchestration, chord reharmonization, and other composition elements. Other options include a session on the musical history and folk traditions of the band's native eastern Canada, whereby students are taught about the music and culture of that region. A matinee performance for a general assembly in a school is also an option (provided sound production can support this).

Moreover, dHb has done other types of community outreach work where the group may do a matinee concert using a scaled back version of the band (e.g. only acoustic instruments) at a Senior Assisted Living Community or similar facility.



Relevant Teaching Experience

Derina Harvey (vocals, acoustic guitar) - Diploma in Music Industry and Performance; has done one-on-one vocal coaching sessions

Edward Smith (bass, piano) - Bachelor of Music Degree in Jazz Piano Performance; has done group band coaching for teens/adults and private lessons on piano, bass, guitar

Jess Blenis (violin) - Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music Degrees; public school classroom teaching and private lessons

Scott Greene (electric guitar) - Diploma in Recording Arts; taught an accredited recording engineering program in Edmonton, AB for several years; group band coaching and private lessons on guitar, bass, and drums

Steve Pinsent (drums) - Diploma in Music Industry and Performance; has done group band coaching for teens and adults, private lessons on guitar, bass, drums for all ages

Whatever the desired outcome, dHb is willing to work with educators and community leaders to achieve that goal.

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