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REAL GOOD MUSIC NEWSLETTER FALL 2014

Hello to all! Since it's nearing the Holiday Season and deep into fall it is also the time of year that I like to send along the updates for our roster as well as music business and a variety of related subjects. For many presenters you are already planning and booking your summer & fall/winter 2015 and spring 2016 programs. We still have a few needs for 2014 and spring 2015, but are looking ahead, too! For fans, friends, radio and press folks this is also an issue that will give you some shows to look forward to in your areas. We try to have something for everyone, and this year in particular there has been quite a bit of exciting news for the roster to tell you about! I hope everyone enjoys it!

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Awards and Artist News

Please check out our websites' section for **News**, it is right upfront on the home page with easy links to the latest. All listed at www.rgmbooking.com.

Runa to follow up on the last spring Top Band and Top Live Band awards also nabbed the Oct 2014 Full Cover of IMM (Irish Music Magazine). **Brand new CDs** out this year for **Goitse**; Tall Tales & MisAdventures, **Runa**; Current Affairs

New members welcomed aboard to various bands this year; *Teresa Horgan-vocal/flute* (Outside Track), *Lorne MacDougall-pipes* (Tannahill Weavers), *Maryanne Knight- vocals* (FullSet), *Donald Hay-percussion* (Old Blind Dogs).

Goitse has booked shows this summer 2015 for a special 7-member band, adding bass and drums

Moya Brennan received, as part of Clannad, a major award and career recognition by the BBC!

First Tours for Real Good Music artists

This past summer ***Socks in the Frying Pan*** took to the road for a monster of a tour. This fantastic trio from County Claire started in Mid July, toured right through most of September, flew home for a couple of weeks, did a festival in Finland and other concerts in Ireland, then flew back to the US Oct 9 for an extra three weeks tour. This covered fourteen States from Maine to Kentucky and NY to Arizona and California and to Ohio.....

In the process they performed at most of the major Irish and Celtic and Folk Festivals along side great city events, concert halls, pubs and even house concerts. Pretty much the complete gambit of where to show off their talents!

They have been so loved that most everyone has booked them back for summer/fall 2015....and indeed, most of the weekend, from late July to Mid September are already booked.

They have an upcoming Feb/March tour fairly well booked for 2015....but there are good openings still....so do call us.

The Outside Track from Ireland, England, Scotland and Canada has a big first tour coming up with Real Good Music for this coming February/March 2015. They will be across the US from the East and Midwest to Arizona and Wyoming....eight States so far over a month long tour. Although they have toured in the US before, this is their first tour with us.

Daimh from Scotland has a tour booked and booking for August and September 2015, and more planned for 2016. This band was raved about by so many presenters that saw them in Scotland at the Celtic showcases last spring...and that were very kind in emailing and calling for me to look them over and to book them, so, well, eh.....guess what.....we did! Check their video out at www.rgmbooking.com. See if you are not just as impressed as I was.

New On Board RGM

This 2014 **Real Good Music** has signed three new artists;

We are very proud to welcome these three brilliant artists aboard!

DAIMH

THE GOTHARD SISTERS

SOCKS in the FRYING PAN

I have sent Signing Announcements on Daimh and Socks in the Frying Pan this past year.....and will soon do one for the Gothard Sisters from Washington State (just added).....but if you go to our website you will see the complete information for all three under the Artists section.

(Real Good Music....Happy 15th Anniversary)

Well, darn if we did not do it.....we made it as a business for 15 years! It was the summer of 1999 when Maria and I finished putting together the tour for **Lindisfarne** (Newcastle UK), and went on tour with the band for 19 shows across the US as Tour Managers. It was during that tour while at a show in Houston at the Mucky Duck that we decided to give it a go as an agency. Luckily enough, Maria, who was a full-time nurse at a hospital in Tucson, was able to hold down the fort so that her crazy husband was able to dive into this wonderful business.

We were so very fortunate in those early first years to acquire such great artists as Danu, Old Blind Dogs, Equation, Fairport Convention, Baka Beyond, and many others. In the beginning we had a much broader niche in music but as time ran along we have become recognized as one of the best agencies doing mostly Celtic bands.

It's been a wonderful ride.

This past September Maria has left her position at the hospital, and now assists me part-time in the office.

We have as many artists on our roster as ever, which has normally ranged from 10-15 during the years. If you go to my past artists section of our website you can have a look at the many folks we have worked for and have toured these last 15 years. (We actually started work on the Lindisfarne tour in fall of 1996, but the official decision and name of Real Good Music was picked in July of 1999)!

(Future Agent??)

Of course, now that we are fifteen years along, getting older, it is time to consider when to slow down a bit, eh? Well, our daughter, Aly Garrett, now starting her Freshman year at the University of Arizona, here in Tucson, has decided to major in Business Management and attend Eller College at the U of A in her Junior year. She is in Pre-Business, and will go after a minor in Fine Arts, and a special program at Eller her senior year in the Entrepreneur program.

Aly has been helping RGM for many years, and at seven helped sell CDs at her first family business function at an Old Blind Dogs show at the U of A. She has attended many Music Conferences (many of you have met her as a little girl at those), and has assisted us in mailing, special projects, immigration forms, and other office needs....as well as running errands. In addition she did a couple years as an Irish step-dancer, played flute for four years in school programs, and performed in Drama in High School. She has been to countless concerts and now even does the concert end sales reports.

She has decided she wants to carry on the traditions of our family and become an agent, then at some point to take over the reins!

But that is four years down the road....so you are all stuck with me until then.

Who took to the Road in 2014?

Another killer year for touring for this past 2014.....

Baka Beyond performed in Canada at Edmonton and Canmore Folk Festivals as the Afro-Celtic version of the band (they have a smaller more "World oriented" band format as well)!

FullSet did long tours in Feb/March and Aug/Sept, and managed to put in time to do a cruise for Disney (DCL) in the Mediterranean in July. This band continues to be one of our most asked for bands. New album last year, some new singers on tour this past summer....and set for a big spring 2015 tour ahead!

Girsa toured between University classes and other projects off and on all year.....and even helped out as a special trio at Peoria Irish Fest when Socks had missing members flying home for a family emergency. Girsa has slimmed down from the original 8-member band to five to six members for most shows as some of the girls have graduated college and moved on to other careers.

Goitse had a cool tour for March, and this summer they did quite a few of the **Disney Cruises** as they had many commitments to projects in Europe, including work on the new CD.

Manran did another brilliant three week summer tour in the US with repeats at Milwaukee, La Crosse, and Peoria Irish Fests, as well as new fests for them in Dubuque for the Hooley, and Minnesota Irish Faire! These traditionally based Scottish-Rockers do put on a great show.

Moya Brennan...out for a second time this Nov/Dec for the Irish Christmas Tour....starting in November....and this time the tour starts in Arizona...and we actually will have her join our family for Thanksgiving dinner. Boy are we looking forward to that!

Runa is always busy.....touring all year long, great shows, great venues, and all across the country....and when there was time, recording a new CD, winning major awards by the Irish Music Awards for Top Band, Top Live Band, and spending time in Ireland to interview for their IMM cover and review! And, if that was not enough...also a stint on **Disney Magic!**

Socks in the Frying Pan...as already covered, was out for a most impressive summer/fall first tour of the US.....and loved the vibe we have in the US. As I write they are in California, and working their way towards Arizona....I will be interested to see what they think of the West vs the East?

Tannahill Weavers have also been all over the US last year.....doing the Northwest in February, and the East, New England, and Texas this fall. It was farewell tours for Colin Melville, who got married this past year and moved to Australia. They will enjoy his piping down under....

Teada has never been a band to let moss grow under their feet....and 2014 was no different. In the US the lads were doing fests and concerts this summer in the Midwest and New England, and for the teaching series, Goderich Festival in Canada....and on top did their own huge tour in Asia and Japan.....and are back for their big Christmas Tour this November and December....across the whole USA. They were over various times off and on all year in the US for concerts, teaching and other projects, and to show off the new CD that came out last year....Ainneoin na stoirme (In spite of the storm). And.....if you can believe it.....this Holiday tour, if performing is not enough, the leader of the band, Oisín Mac Diarmada, is having an "Engagement Party" in California, in advance of a January wedding (a hint.....she's is a dancer in the Christmas tour....and name begins with S). Congrats to Oisín and Samantha....oops, let it slip!

Irish Christmas shows

Continuing with the very successful **Irish Christmas in America** program toured over the last 9 years, produced by Oisín Mac Diarmada (Teada) they return in 2014 with this popular Holiday classic.

In addition **Moya Brennan** Irish Christmas is also touring 2014, so we have even more Irish Christmas cheer around to enjoy. We do still have some possible dates for these two programs to add on for Nov/Dec, but contact us soon on these.

Last Minute Tour-dates

I know this Newsletter is fairly general in concept, and it does go out to fans, friends, media, press and radio folks....as well as to musicians....and presenters. But let me take a few lines of shameless promotions!

***Here are the bands open and their specific dates still needed in 2014:
(Note: go to www.rgmboking.com and All Bands Tour Dates section for routing, this section will be updated end of October 2014)***

Girsa: Open specific weekends for touring, call our office
Teada's Irish Christmas: Nov 21.
Moya's Irish Christmas: Dec 10 & 14.
The Gothard Sisters: Open for some pick up dates, call our office.

If you do want to pick up a special last minute deal, and to also help out the bottom line, and happen to have need of a fine Celtic show, please contact me soon and we can chat about this.

“Green Month” 2015 touring is filling fast for the February/March for our artists!

The following bands are touring January-April 2015 and have specific open dates, please contact me soon about what might work for your needs and ours:

Fullset: Feb dates in New England, East and East Coast, and March Midwest and Southeast.

Girsa: Weekend dates winter & Spring, call for options.

Goitse: West Coast March 1, 2, 3, 4 open, possible Northeast dates after March 20.

The Gothard Sisters: Feb dates possible Southeast, March onward open, contact for needs.

Old Blind Dogs: April 25-29 and May 1 in the Midwest.

The Outside Track: Feb 20 Midwest, March 2-5, 10, 11 East.

Runa: Jan-May various routings across the US to tie in with booked shows in VA, NC, PA, NY, MD, IL, MI, and West in Colorado. Call for your needs to see what we can fit in.

Socks in the Frying Pan: Feb dates in the East, Midwest dates in March 5, 8-12, 15, 16, 18-20, 22. Also dates April 23, 24, 26 to work around Milwaukee on a short fly in/out! Call for options.

Tannahill Weavers: March dates open in the Southeast-FI, GA and Midwest dates March, and late March dates near VA, NC, SC areas. Call for options and specifics.

They're Baaaack!-OBD's (Again)

OLD BLIND DOGS (Scotland) are finally set to tour again this coming late April and May 2015!

To many of you this news will be the best thing you have heard from us for years. **Jonny Hardie**, **Aaron Jones**, and **Ali Hutton**, along with new member, **Donald Hay** on percussion will be back touring across the US in the Midwest, East, West and West Coast....we still have some limited dates open. By the way, Aaron Jones & Claire Mann welcomed a new baby girl into the world last June! Another future RGM artist, eh?

The band has been performing at shows in the UK and Europe. They are working on a brand new CD to bring along in April. I can only speak for my family....we can't wait to see, and hear the lads again!

SUMMERTIME & FALL 2015

Here are the bands booking and touring this Summer & Fall 2015....Many have specific dates booked already (I have noted some in specific, but call for options as many of the bands will be open to travel across the US even if booked already in other regions)!

BAKA BEYOND: Touring planned from Mid Sept-Mid Oct

DAIMH: Touring Aug/Sept with current Bookings at Kansas City Irish Fest, Bay City and Beaver Island MI, holds at various Midwest Festivals.

FULLSET: Touring July, Aug, Sept, bookings at Milwaukee Irish festival, holds at other Midwest Fests.

GIRSA: Open to tour weekends throughout the summer festival season, and fall other events.

GOITSE: Touring July/Aug/Sept, booked at Milwaukee Irish Fest as seven member format.

THE GOTHARD SISTERS: Touring summer and fall, all areas, holds for Midwest fests in July/Aug and attending Arts Midwest conference in Kansas City in Sept.

RUNA: Touring all periods early Summer onward through late fall, bookings in summer in Canada, MI, Old Songs Fest in June and Irish 2000 in Sept, with other holds. Call for specific needs.

SOCKS IN THE FRYING PAN: Touring summer/fall, many bookings for Midwest and Colorado Festivals from Mid July onward. Limited weekends still open for late July-Mid Sept.

TANNAHILL WEAVERS: Mid Sept to late October tour, bookings in California already for 10, 11, 16, 17.....open to tour all areas with strong concentration of dates in the Western US.

IRISH CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA: Touring November/December 2015 with booked dates of Dec 4 & 5 in Chicago and Cedar Rapids IA.

OTHER 2015 DATES TBA: Old Blind Dogs, The Outside Track, Teada, Moya Brennan, Manran and Christmas programs are in the works or have possible open fly in periods possible for short touring in 2015.....please contact me if interested in specifics. As we have more information on any of these bands and specific tour dates we will do short "Presenter" updates to the email list!

MUSIC CONFERENCES IN 2015

Real Good Music is planning to attend Arts Midwest Conference in Kansas City on Sept 9-12, and at this time plan to do a large showcase with many members of our roster! Those will probably be Daimh, FullSet, The Gothard Sisters, Runa, and Socks in the Frying Pan, at Midweek showcases. Look for further announcements and details next year on this.

Speaking of 2016.....we are already taking bookings and holds for 2016 dates.....so although the main focus of this Newsletter has been for 2014/2015.....for those of you already planning for 2016.....go ahead and feel free to pencil our roster into your schedules!

Note: Band Touring can often change to entirely different periods and even other formats as routing and offers come in to our office. Please check with me for any specific needs, ideas, or for specific artists so that we can see what will fit your programming needs!

******Please feel free to do us a favor and to send this Newsletter on to anyone you feel might enjoy it, or to folks that may not be aware of our company or Celtic artists. It will go a long ways towards helping us to continue to grow and for our roster to gain the recognition they deserve. Thanks!***

About RGM Newsletters

I have been making Newsletters for many years. These are still archived on our website, as is the original information about Real Good Music and a business plan statement....an oldie but goodie!

I want to say that I take careful use of the internet to try and not over-burden folks with mindless, and needless updates. I do not like to receive those either.

What I try to adhere to is the following:

*One long fall newsletter that gives my whole email list a simple and (I hope) fun and informative view of what our roster and company was up to last year and to look ahead to following years.

*Also we send around three short email notices, mainly to presenters, about who is touring when and last minute and specific tour openings.

*Now and then something specific about a special project or invitation to a Conference showcase, etc!

Over many years I have had a very positive response to my Newsletter and general or specific update emails. Folks say they like receiving them. It is quite a bit of work doing these but well worth it. After I send these updates, I have tons of responses from many people for many different needs. Some folks say it is just nice to be reminded about RGM projects, or had planned to contact me already.

*****But should you want to be deleted from this list do let me know and I will remove your emails.***

I look forward to hearing from you all soon, and hope you enjoy this bit of news about our bands and some of the things we were up to in 2014 and are planning in 2015! Our roster is looking forward to another great year ahead and to sharing the music and good times with you all!

All the best, Patrick, Maria & Aly Garrett and Real Good Music