

McGinty

Highlights

Tracks from McGinty's first album, "Call of the Sea" are used by C.B.S. Television in the United States for a tall ship documentary in 1982.

McGinty are invited to host the Eastern Canada Youth Rally in Halifax for Pope John Paul II during his visit to Canada in 1984.

McGinty play the part of the "Islanders" during the 1985-1986 Neptune Theatre production and national tour of the musical stage play "Don Messer's Jubilee".

McGinty's song "Sagely Wisdom" is runner up in the 1992 C.B.C. Radio "Atlantic Song Contest".

McGinty is nominated for an East Coast Music Award in the Roots/Traditional category in 1994 for their album "Atlantic Favourites".

McGinty perform at the 1995 Stan Rogers' Tribute Concert at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium in Halifax and appear on the Live Concert CD recording.

McGinty record "Immigrant Shore" for their 1998 recording Atlantic Favourites II at Liam Clancy's Ring Recording Studio, in County Waterford, Ireland, while touring Ireland & Iceland in February of 1998.

February 2001 sees McGinty make their 6th annual tour to Iceland where they do concert dates including the Blue Lagoon Resort and The Dubliner Pub in Reykjavik.

October of 2002 marks the 25th Anniversary of McGinty performing together.

In April of 2003 McGinty perform for the second year at the "Caribbean Kitchen Ceilidh" series at the Luperon Beach Resort, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

In January 2004 McGinty perform at famed Birchmere Music Hall in Alexandria, Virginia for the World Folk Music Association's "Tribute to Stan Rogers Concert Weekend". Later that year in October McGinty make their third appearance at the "Celtic Colours International Festival" in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

In April 2005 McGinty is chosen by the Nova Scotia Government and the Music Industry Association of Nova Scotia to perform on the "Bringin' it Home 2005" celebration of Nova Scotia Music Tour.

McGinty performed on Saint Patrick's Day at the 2006 "Halifax Hooley" Cure for Cancer Fundraiser at the World Trade Centre in Halifax. The year also included shows at Fox Harb'r Resort, Miramachi Irish Festival, Celtic Colours International Festival and a special performance in November at the Canadian Liberal Leadership Convention in Montreal.

The 2007 year included performances at the Grand Slam of Curling in Port Hawkesbury, NS, the King's Playhouse in Georgetown, PEI, the Mobility Cup International Regatta in Dartmouth, NS, the Celtic Colours International Festival in Cape Breton, NS, the Canadian Football League Grey Cup weekend in Toronto, ON and two south of the border performances in Florida at the American Legion on Sanibel Island and at Jensen's Resort and Marina, on Captiva Island.

McGinty made their way to Iceland in 2008 for a show at the Blue Lagoon Spa and Resort promoting Nova Scotia at the annual Mid-Atlantic Travel Conference sponsored by Iceland Air. Other performances that year included the Festival of the Straight in Port Hawkesbury, NS, the Fleet Club Atlantic in Halifax NS, an outdoor concert for Bedford Days in Bedford, NS, as well as a concert in Heritage Hall at the Pier 21 Immigration Museum on the Halifax waterfront.

The Miramachi Multicultural Festival in June of 2009 had McGinty share the stage with Canadian Superstars Blue Rodeo and East Coast Blues Legend Matt Minglewood. Other 2009 performances included shows at HMCS Star in Hamilton, Ontario, Action Week in Sydney, NS, the 5th annual "Concert on the Wharf" at East Coast Outfitters in Lower Prospect, NS, and during a private concert in Chester, NS in August McGinty were joined on stage by Steve and Tom Chapin to sing "All My Life's a Circle" written by their late brother Harry Chapin.

Early 2010 started with McGinty performances at the Halifax for Haiti Concert and the Tim Hortons Brier both held at the Halifax Metro Centre. During the year the group also did shows in Ontario at HMCS Star in Hamilton and Hugh's Room in Toronto as well as concert dates at the annual East Coast Outfitters Concert on the Wharf and at Dundee Resort on Cape Breton Island. The year ended on a very sad note with the passing of founding member and bass player Dave Hickey after a short illness.

Bass player and vocalist Joe Breen joined McGinty in early 2011. Joe is a seasoned player and a great fit for the McGinty line-up. As well as the group's regular rotation at the Lower Deck Pub and the Old Triangle Irish Alehouse in Halifax the year included corporate dates for an International Conference hosted by Emera Energy and the annual outdoor Concert on the Wharf for East Coast Outfitters in Lower Prospect, NS.

2012 was a busy year for McGinty with regular appearances at the Lower Deck Pub and the Old Triangle Irish Alehouse. The group performed two outdoor evening concerts at Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax as part of the 2012 Tall Ships International Festival. Other shows during the year included the annual Concert on the Wharf as well as an outdoor concert for a corporate function held at the Hatfield Farm Conference Facility just outside Halifax. Once more a year ended on a sad note with the sudden passing in October of founding member and multi-instrumentalist John Ferguson. McGinty's old friend singer/songwriter Roger Stone stepped in to help complete the groups remaining scheduled dates for the year.