

ANDREW McFAYDEN ANNDRA MAC PHAIDEIN



Andrew McFayden is a teacher, artist, singer, songwriter, linguist, and musician. His uniqueness lays in the fact that he sings almost exclusively in Scottish Gaelic, the ancient, music-filled Celtic language of Scotland – the language of his ancestors. He already has two albums to his credit, "An Rathad Cam, 's An Rathad Direach" (The Crooked Road and The Straight Road, 2004), and "Suilean Fosgailte, Fuasgladh Cinn" (Open Eyes, Open Mind, 2007). His most recent releases are the twin albums "Coinneal" (Candle), and "Turas" (Trip) in November 2012.

The Gaelic Christmas album "Coinneal", is a rare find. "Coinneal", or Candle in Gaelic, is a beautiful album of Christmas-themed music. The recording for this album took place in Prince George, BC, and in the award-winning Lakewind Sound of Point Aconi, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The album, while mostly a Christmas album, also includes his favourite song "Amazing Grace", which he wanted to include in the album. The album's style ranges from powerful yet touching Gaelic renditions of traditional Christmas songs Silent Night and the Gaelic Leanabh an Aigh to punchy and playful Gaelic mouth tunes accompanied by well-known Cape Breton fiddler Dara Smith-MacDonald and Cape Breton pianist Susan MacLean in the Duan Nollaig Set and Christmas Puirt.

"Turas", or Trip in Gaelic, is an impressive cd of songs largely from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. The album was recorded in Albaroom Studio in Prince George, BC, Watercolour Music of Ardgour, Scotland, and Lakewind Sound. Gaelic singer Mary Ann Kennedy lent her musical knowledge for four of the tracks.

Andrew has been singing professionally since 2003 in many concerts, functions, and cultural events in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia. He did a concert tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in the summer of 2008 to promote "Suilean Fosgailte, Fuasgladh Cinn" release. He teaches the language and song locally and also serves as the British Columbia Regional Director for the Atlantic Gaelic Academy. Andrew is planning concerts and appearances to promote the two albums.

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