

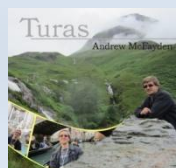
ANDREW McFAYDEN

Albums' Titles:



COINNEAL

TURAS



Bio:

"A pleasure for the ears, a journey for the soul." (A fan)

"The voice on this guy will blow you away!" (Soundsauce.net)

"...for McFayden it's more like a mission than mere performance... emotion runs so deep it speaks without words..." (Wildy's World)

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 Celtic language of Scotland – the language of his ancestors. He 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 are the albums "Coinneal" (Candle), and "Turas" (Trip) in November 2012.

The beautiful Gaelic Christmas album "Coinneal", or Candle in Gaelic, is a rare find. The album was recorded in Prince George, BC, and in the award-winning Lakewind Sound of Point Aconi, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The album, while a Christmas album, also includes his favourite song "Amazing Grace". The style ranges from powerful yet touching renditions of traditional carols Silent Night and the Gaelic Leanabh an Aigh using piano and Irish flute, to punchy and playful sets 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. The album was recorded in Prince George, BC, Watercolour Music of Ardgour, Scotland, and Lakewind Sound. The folksy An t-Each Geal is a collaboration with Prince George musician and Scottish ex-pat Jim Coyle of Out of Alba. Andrew wrote the touching English composition Gentle Hands in homage to his grandparents. The song is accompanied by Susan MacLean. The spine-tingling a cappella song Oran Shep displays Andrew's powerful voice singing in the traditional style of the Gael. The playful Ceap Breatann track, again with Coyle, brings together the French Acadian and Gaelic histories of Cape Breton.

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 2008 to promote his second release. He teaches the Gaelic language and song locally and serves as the BC Regional Director for the Atlantic Gaelic Academy. He also speaks French and Spanish fluently. Andrew is planning concerts and appearances to promote the two albums.

"Coinneal" Track Listing:

1. **Miorbhail Grais (Amazing Grace) (4:46)**
2. Mu'n Am Seo Dhe Na Bhliadhna (2:01)
3. Ann am Baile Rioghail Dhaibhidh (Once In Royal David's City) (2:32)
4. Fada Cian Ann An Staball (Away In A Manger) (3:32)
5. **Duan Nollaig Set (3:51)**
6. Taladh Chriosda (5:28)
7. **Ciuin An Oidhche (Silent Night) (4:25)**
8. Oh Holy Night (4:19)
9. Oran Na Bliadhna Uire (2:28)
10. **Leanabh An Aigh (2:25)**
11. **Christmas Puirt (3:43)**

"Turas" Track Listing:

1. Eilean Gorm Nam Beanntan Ard (3:28)
2. **An t-Each Geal (2:45)**
3. The Potato Puirt (2:58)
4. Bean Phaidein (2:34)
5. 'S I Mo Leannan An Té Ur (3:25)
6. 'S Fheudar Dhomh Gu Cinnteach a Sguir Dh'en Dram (3:45)
7. **Gentle Hands (3:56)**
8. **Oran Shep (3:49)**
9. **Ceap Breatann (3:43)**
10. Chunna Mi Lair Dhonn Aig Seumas (4:27)
11. Fuirich a Ribhinn (3:35)
12. A Mhairi Dhubh O Hu O Ho (4:24)

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