

Gerry Madigan in Concert

With full ten-piece band

Bert Church Theatre Airdrie

Saturday October 7, 2017 at 7.30pm

Official launch of his new CD, *'Wild Bird, Fly Free'*

Some Band Member Biographies

Gerry Madigan – Lead Vocals/Guitar/5-string Banjo/Ukulele

Born in Dublin, and weaned on Ireland's vibrant folk scene, Gerry enjoyed an incredibly successful career with his band, The Cotton Mill Boys. This band was one of Ireland's most popular bands on the live music circuit in Ireland and the UK, including American Airforce bases. They had their own TV series, won Opportunity Knocks three times (similar to today's American Idol), recorded 15 top selling albums and 25 singles. Now he has returned to the music business and has just released a brand new all original CD, Wild Bird, Fly Free.



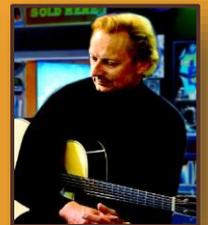
Gavin Sorochan - Drums

From folk to fusion, Gavin Sorochan's drumming has supported many acclaimed artists in almost every style of music. After studying at Berklee College of Music, recording in excess of 100 albums, touring most of the globe, and as a Leader, Drummer, Music Director and Producer for the likes of Sweet, Joan Rivers, The Coasters, The Drifters, The Platters, Bobby Arvon, and recently Sarah Beth Keeley. Gavin's adept abilities stand in stately fashion amongst the spiring echelons of the music industry's finest.



Brent Saklofske - Lead Guitar/Acoustic Guitar/Harmony vocals

Guitar virtuoso, Brent, has enjoyed a rich and full music career. From opening for Kiss to touring with legends like Percy Sledge, performances with the CPO, and recording four outstanding albums – he's done it all. The strength of his CD recordings has taken him to perform in Europe many times, and he has received airplay around the globe. Brent loves performing all styles - classical to rock, flamenco to jazz and world styles, and Eastern modal to Celtic.



Jerry Proppe - Keyboards/Accordion/Harmony Vocals

Jerry is a native Calgarian, performer, producer, arranger and engineer. He loves to tickle the ivories in all kinds of styles from Blues to Bach, has toured as a solo artist for many years, and has operated his own recording studio for well over a couple decades, helping many people to realize their musical dreams. The entire CD, Wild Bird, Fly Free, was recorded in Jerry's Middleman Studios in Calgary. Jerry was the sound engineer for the CD, played piano on all of the tracks, plus all of the brass arrangements.



Barb Olorenshaw - Fiddle

Barb started playing fiddle at age five, studying classical music through the Suzuki Method. She began touring at age 11 with the Calgary Fiddlers, and has not stopped playing and performing since. At 16, she began teaching fiddle music, and at 18 was a founding member of the celtic roots group ClanTerra, recording three albums and touring through North America and Europe. She has performed on numerous folk, celtic, and country CD's and played in groups such as Third Reel, Seanachie, afro-Cuban group Masacote, and Seancara. She has shared the stage with Natalie McMaster, JP Cormier, Darol Anger, and Mark O'Connor in workshops and performances throughout her career.



Thomas Cummins-Russell - Mandolin/Joint Lead and Harmony vocals

Thomas Cummins-Russell was inspired to play mandolin watching some great players at a Bluegrass jam in Montreal. These days he mostly plays metal and west African-inspired tunes on the mandolin. An outstanding songwriter and powerful harmony vocalist, all of the mandolin tracks on the CD, 'Wild Bird, Fly Free', were played by Thomas.



Katie Windt – Acoustic guitar, Joint Lead and Harmony vocals

Katie is a one of those unique singers with a characteristic voice – instantly recognisable for its husky, raw appeal. An accomplished guitarist and vocalist, she had her own band back in South Africa, but now calls Calgary home. An extremely talented singer/songwriter, Katie is currently working on her new CD of all original songs. Her vocal blend when she sings harmonies with Gerry and Thomas is powerful.



Plus electric and upright bass player, and full brass section!



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