

THE MONTANA SHAMROCKERS

Since 2003, the Montana ShamRockers have represented Montana with the thrill of Irish music, the joy of laughter and the power of comradeship, crisscrossing the region in every conceivable venue from elementary schools and churches to major concert halls and national festivals, and three internationally acclaimed albums.

All five musicians are Montana natives, with deep family ties and cultural associations, some traceable to specific Ireland locales. Each raised families and built careers here, proud of their Montana roots. Opening for the 2012 Irish Music Award winners, the Dublin City Ramblers proclaimed, *"You lads are fantastic!"*

Concerts illustrate Montana's colorful Irish history, emphasizing first territorial governor Thomas Francis Meagher. The lads were commissioned to compose songs for the 2009 Meagher bust installation ceremony at Ft. Benton, later recording the songs on their second album. Governor Schweitzer and AOH representatives called the lads *"Excellent"* ambassadors.

In 2014, the quintet performed a singing marathon across Ireland, further strengthening the Montana/Waterford historical-cultural connection.

Quotes/Comments:

"Stirring and inspirational." – Montana Wounded Warriors

"Polson's Unofficial Ambassadors: The Montana ShamRockers" – Cover story, MT Senior News 5/31/2013

"The year's highlight... proud of our newfound association. Looking forward to future exchanges." – Ann Cusak (Unofficial MT Sec. of State), Granville Hotel, Waterford Ireland (Meagher's birthplace)

"Bogglingly infectious and spirited... a revelation!" - Fame & Acoustic Music Exchange

"Heartening and uplifting." – National Folklife Festival, Seattle WA

"Too much fun!" – Celtic Connection

"Next stop – the Vatican!" – Fr. Oliver Doyle, St. Catherine's Cathedral

"Wonderful presentation!" – Lewis & Clark Interp Center, Great Falls MT

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Album clips: www.cdbaby.com/montanashamrockers