



# RATHKELTAÍR

(pronounce rath-KELT-ur)

**Celtic Rock Jam Fusion**



Taking top honors for Best Celtic Rock Band of 2006 in the annual Celtic MP3s Music Magazine Peoples' Choice Awards, RATHKELTAÍR offers one of the most exciting, audience-friendly shows you will see anywhere. Appealing to all ages, RATHKELTAÍR can tailor its show to any venue, and is equally at home in small rooms or stadiums.

RATHKELTAÍR consists of 'piper Neil Anderson and drummer Nick Watson, two original members of America's ground-breaking Celtic rock powerhouse 7 Nations (Atlantic), and Trevor Tanner, front-man/lead guitarist and songwriter for The Bolshoi (Beggar's Banquet), a mainstay on the London club scene and one of the most influential British underground bands of the late '80's.

Since its debut in 2003, RATHKELTAÍR has become one of the most talked-about bands on the North American festival circuit. It's hard to categorize RATHKELTAÍR, but you could loosely describe it as Celtic rock jam fusion. First-time listeners have favorably compared Rathkeltair to everything from The Chieftains to Widespread Panic.

Compelling original material, coupled with a jam-band mentality and the combination of three formidable multi-instrumentalists who play together with incredible intensity and dynamics make RATHKELTAÍR a must-see.

The band has headlined some of the largest Celtic festivals in the world, including a widely acclaimed first-ever appearance at the 2008 Dublin Irish Festival in Dublin, Ohio, a weekend-long event with over 40,000 visitors annually.

The name RATHKELTAÍR comes from Nick , a native of County Down, Northern Ireland. It means "hill of the Celts" and is an ancient archaeological site near Nick's home village of Killyleagh.

## RATHKELTAÍR LINE-UP:



**NEIL ANDERSON** (vocals, bagpipes, tinwhistles, mandocaster) Noted for his innovative use of traditional Celtic instruments in rock, pop and jazz idioms, St. Petersburg, Florida native Neil Anderson is perhaps best known as one of the founding members of Seven Nations, America's groundbreaking Celtic rock powerhouse. From 1995 until he left the band in 1998, Neil helped make Seven Nations the most popular (and subsequently most imitated) indie Celtic rock band in North America, selling over 100,000 CDs without any label support or distribution deals. Neil has produced several successful solo projects as well as original music for television and film. He has also appeared as a guest artist with Paddy Keenan, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Black 47, and The Chieftains.



**TREVOR TANNER** (vocals, guitars, bass, keyboards) Trevor Tanner was born and raised in east London, England. A noted songwriter, Trevor fronted one of the most influential English pop bands of the late '80's, The Bolshoi. A mainstay of the London club scene, once described as "the best band you never heard," The Bolshoi toured internationally and had several videos in heavy rotation at the height of the MTV era. Trevor writes much of Rathkeltair's original material, drawing on his experiences growing up in England at the height of the English folk revival, and his always insightful, often irreverent observations of modern life. A formidable guitarist and multi-instrumentalist, Trevor recently produced Rathkeltair's latest release, "Big White Van."



**NICK WATSON** (vocals, drums, percussion) A native of County Down, Northern Ireland, Nick began taking pipe band snare drum lessons as a kid and quickly exhibited a gift for percussion. He toured for 12 years with Belfast-based Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, one of the top competitive bagpipe bands in the world. He also became extremely accomplished on the drum kit and toured with a variety of pop and rock bands both in Ireland and in the US. In 1995 Nick became the original drummer for Seven Nations and played on what remain two of that group's most popular titles, "Old Ground," and "Big Dog." In 1997 he left to build his own project, Celtic Soul, a group which enjoyed a large and loyal east coast following for several years.

**RATHKELTAÍR** is available as a 3-piece (Neil, Trevor, Nick), a 4-piece (add bass guitarist), or 5-piece (add bass guitarist and fiddler).