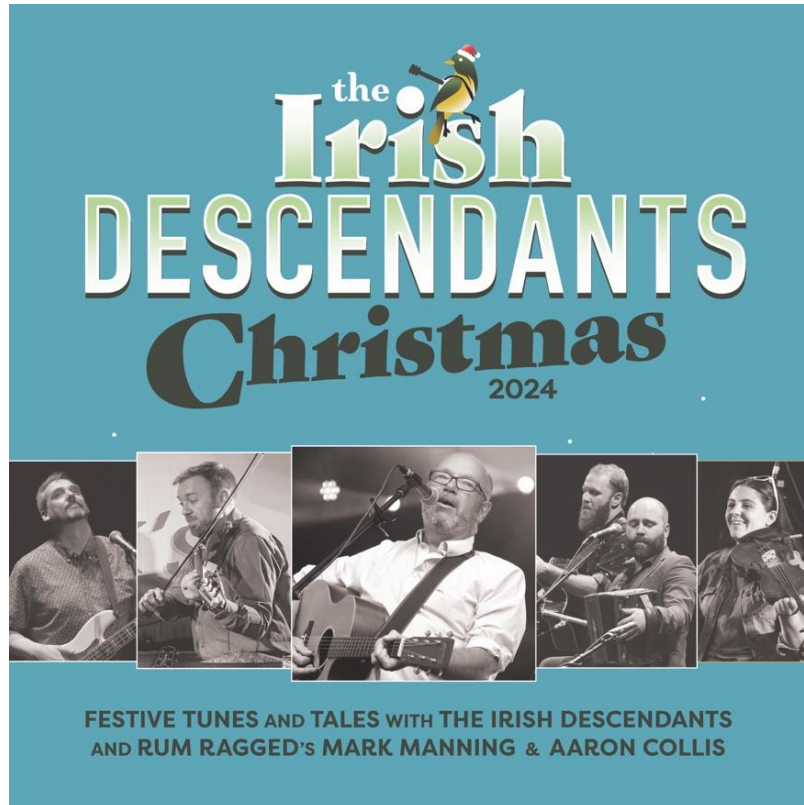


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**The Irish Descendants Christmas 2024 tours
Atlantic Canada and Ontario, November 22 - December 22**



Tickets on sale now!

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(St. John, NL) – Enjoy festive tunes, tales and merriment in ***The Irish Descendants Christmas*** 2024 starring multi award-winning Newfoundland folk group, **The Irish Descendants** with longtime front man **Con O'Brien**. The group will be joined by **Mark Manning** and **Aaron Collis** of the popular Newfoundland folk band, **Rum Ragged**, creating a powerful ensemble that will tour throughout Atlantic Canada and Ontario, November 22 – December 22.

Upcoming Shows:

November 22
November 23
November 24
November 27
November 28
November 29
November 30

Liverpool, NS
Halifax, NS
Amherst, NS
Pictou, NS
Corner Brook, NL
Corner Brook, NL
Stephenville, NL

Astor Theatre
Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
Wandlyn Convention Centre
deCoste Entertainment Centre
Arts and Culture Centre
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December 3	Toronto, ON	Hugh's Room
December 5	Ottawa, ON	National Arts Centre
December 6	Truro, NS	Marigold Arts Centre
December 7	Charlottetown, PE	Confederation Centre of the Arts
December 10	Labrador West, NL	Arts & Culture Centre
December 11	Labrador West, NL	Arts & Culture Centre
December 12	Goose Bay, NL	Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre
December 13	Goose Bay, NL	Lawrence O'Brien Arts Centre
December 14	Grand Falls, NL	Arts & Culture Centre
December 15	Carbonear, NL	Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre
December 16	Carbonear, NL	Princess Sheila NaGeira Theatre
December 19	Gander, NL	Arts & Culture Centre
December 21	St. John's, NL	Arts & Culture Centre
December 22	Clareville, NL	Eastlink Events Centre

Tickets and full details here: theirishdescendants.com

The Irish Descendants are **Con O'Brien** on lead vocals and guitar, **Rowan Sherlock** on mandolin, fiddle, piano and vocals, **Jeff Kinsman** on bass and vocals, and **Madeline Carter** on fiddle and vocals. They will be joined on stage by the talented founding members of Rum Ragged, **Mark Manning** on vocals and guitar and **Aaron Collis** on accordion and vocals.

Heading into its fifteenth year, *The Irish Descendants Christmas* is reminiscent of long-lived old-time Newfoundland and Labrador seasonal celebrations.

"The rich traditions that surround the Christmas season in our typical outport homes are centuries old," says Con O'Brien. "The show pays homage to these sacred family and community gatherings which have greatly inspired us."

The show will present songs from The Irish Descendants two Christmas albums, including *The Gift* (released in 2001), and *An Irish Descendants Christmas* (released in 2023) plus more festive favourites.

"The Irish Descendants Christmas will be an evening of top calibre music combined with classic family stories that will warm the cockles of your heart, adds O'Brien. "It will surely be a memorable show that will kick off your Christmas, "Newfoundland style."

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About The Irish Descendants

From the rocky coastal outports of the Island of Newfoundland, The Irish Descendants formed in May 1990 and have carved a prestigious reputation over nearly 35 years of performing. This iconic Canadian folk group guided by the leadership of Con O'Brien have toured throughout North America and beyond, sharing the music of their ancestral Irish home and that of their beloved Newfoundland and Labrador. With impeccable musicianship and vocal prowess, combined with amazing stories and wit, the group continually deliver vivid memories of who they are and where they come from to satisfied audiences wherever they hit a stage.

The Irish Descendants were the first band from their home province to sign a five-album record deal with an international recording label and distributor Warner Music Canada. The band's discography includes 14 studio recordings, with two certified Canadian Gold Albums, a JUNO Award along with three East Coast Music Awards.

For more information on The Irish Descendants, visit: theirishdescendants.com

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