

SOLAS

Solas is known for reinterpreting in a Celtic vernacular songs by contemporary artists. In doing so, they have shown themselves to be masters of a multitude of styles.

Leader Seamus Egan was born in Pennsylvania but grew up in both the U.S. and Ireland. He performs on a multitude of instruments including the flute, guitars, tenor banjo and bodhran. In addition to composing and appearing on solo albums of his own, he can be heard on the soundtrack to *Dead Man Walking*.

Winifred Horan (fiddle) is a graduate of the New England Conservatory, one of the original players from *Cherish The Ladies* and also from *The Sharon Shannon Band*. Ireland's Mick McAuley (accordions, whistle, vocals) and lead vocalist Deirdre Scanlan, a native of Nenagh, County Tipperary are joined by Eamon McElholm (guitars, vocals, keyboard), a former member of *Stockton's Wing*. McElholm, from County Tyrone in northern Ireland, was awarded the John Lennon Songwriter's Award.

"Solas may be the best band in Celtic music: it is certainly the most adventurous," wrote *The Boston Globe*.

