

# DERINA HARVEY BAND

Heartfelt Energetic Celtic Rock



*dHb (left to right): Jessica Blenis, Edward Smith, Derina Harvey, Stephen Pinsent, Scott Greene*

Derina Harvey leads the award-winning **Derina Harvey Band**, a Celtic-rock group originally from Canada's East Coast. Derina's vibrant personality takes centre stage with her humour, engaging storytelling, and powerful vocals all backed by an amazing instrumental ensemble and rich blend of harmonies. **dHb concerts are suitable for all ages and can be adapted for any venue**; whether it's a captivating night of telling stories through song in a Performing Arts Center, or a dinner and dance in a community hall.

The band has toured both Canada and the USA, sharing their songs and stories with audiences from coast to coast in North America. These engagements are the result of several very successful **juried showcases** at arts council conferences across Canada (BC, AB, SK, MB, ON) and the US, including Western Arts Alliance, South Arts Alliance, Ohio Arts Professional Network, ArtsMarket NC, and Arts Northwest, where the band was **awarded Best Showcase in 2017**.

The Derina Harvey Band has a dedicated and enthusiastic following on both social media and streaming platforms, with **over 70 million streams** in total and adding **over 2 million streams every month**. With three albums available, they offer a fresh take on traditional favourites as well as a growing repertoire of their own **original songs**. Their latest album, "Waves of Home" was released in 2023. The band's latest industry nod is **for a 2024 East Coast Music Award** in the "Fans' Choice Entertainer of the Year" category.

## What others are saying about the band...

*"...a wonderful evening of entertainment that should not be missed. The Derina Harvey Band is a great example of why you want to see and hear music performed live, to be able to appreciate and marvel at the energy, spirit and skill of each one of the five band members."*

**-John and Sandra Barth, Lakes District Arts Council, Burns Lake**

*"dHb was one of the best shows we ever had! Derina and the [band] had the audience begging for more. From an organizer's perspective they were a joy to work with, I highly recommend them."*

**- Kelly Starling, Manager at The Max Center, Drayton Valley**

*"We received countless comments from audience members about how much fun the show was; Derina's onstage energy is electric and spreads throughout the entire venue."*

**- Josh Gennings, Shell Theatre Supervisor, Dow Centennial Center**

*"...a pleasure to work with, always looking for the best scenario for the band and presenters and working to make each booking a win-win situation... a talented band backed by dedicated behind the scenes people to make you, your event or show and the band successes."*

**- Skip Taylor, Performing Arts Coordinator, Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Council**

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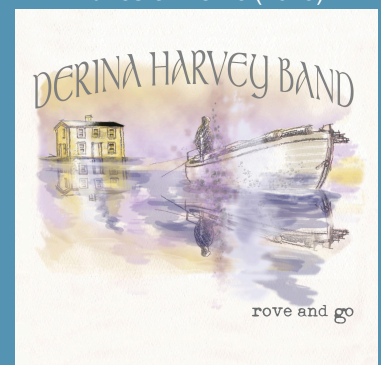
One page of live performance videos, testimonials, bios, and music for time-starved industry professionals.



## Discography



**Waves of Home (2023)**



**Rove and Go (2016)**



**dHb (2013)**

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## Community Outreach

**During their visit to your community, dHb can provide an educational matinee performance.**

The members of the Derina Harvey Band have years of experience teaching music to students of all ages, ranging from private lessons to band coaching to musical activities for children in elementary classrooms. **The group's matinee performance combines music, stories, and education, and can be adapted for school age children, local performance groups, and assisted living facilities.**

The outreach matinee concert is a 45-60 minute performance that combines:

- ★ **Fun musical jargon** - a few terms to learn through practical use
- ★ **Choreographed group engagement** - sing/dance along parts to fun shanty songs
- ★ **Songwriting processes** - stories about songwriting from initial idea and concept to finished piece

Content also touches on themes of: folklore, self esteem, and where to find help when you need it. We discuss the differences and commonalities of the community where the show is happening, and our authentic experiences and traditions growing up on Canada's East Coast.

*"We love to answer questions from students and on occasion a student will move us beyond measure with their comments and observations - to the point where I have incorporated a retelling of a beautiful matinee moment into every show we have done since. The outreach program is fun for the students and it also fills our hearts to the brim to connect with the next generation of entertainers!"*

**- Derina Harvey**



## Relevant Teaching Experience

**Derina Harvey (vocals, acoustic guitar)** - Diploma in Music Industry and Performance; has done one-on-one vocal coaching sessions

**Edward Smith (bass, piano)** - Bachelor of Music Degree in Jazz Piano Performance; has done group band coaching for teens/adults and private lessons on piano, bass, guitar

**Jess Blenis (violin)** - Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music Degrees; public school classroom teaching and private lessons

**Scott Greene (electric guitar)** - Diploma in Recording Arts; taught an accredited recording engineering program in Edmonton, AB for several years; group band coaching and private lessons on guitar, bass, and drums

**Steve Pinsent (drums)** - Diploma in Music Industry and Performance; has done group band coaching for teens and adults, private lessons on guitar, bass, drums for all ages

*Whatever the desired outcome, dHb works with YOU to achieve that goal.*

