

They have performed for Presidents, represented Ireland as Cultural Ambassadors and have two five star critically acclaimed albums under their belts...there is no doubt **BackWest** are the full Irish!

BackWest are an award-winning powerful ensemble, filled to the brim with the music and soul of the West of Ireland. Reared in the heart of Galway City and County with a little intertwining of other parts of Northwest Connaught and further afield, their music celebrates the historically rich environment which they were closely nurtured as children.

The powerhouse All-Ireland champions, a brother and sister duo emanating from the heart of Galway city are at the core of the ensemble alongside their compadres hailing from Headford and Ballinakill in Co. Galway, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo and Sligo Town and across the water in Chicago, USA. Their stage show is a winning combination of traditional, sassy, modern, technically perfect and musically inspiring which is delivered with tremendous and rampant energy.

BackWest have set new standards with their own signature style. Deeply rooted in the tradition, they are 'an innovative, thrilling ensemble of high calibre and vastly experienced musicians' (Irish Music Magazine).

Their performances are polished and effortlessly professional, given the depths of their solo and collective musicianship and talents - "Virtuostic players" (The Irish Echo, New York). The tunes are honed from vast individual repertoires, the music and songs absorbed from all regions of Ireland and beyond. Modern tunes sit comfortably with older compositions, the siblings bounce fiddle and accordion of each other with flourish, Fabian and Shane's rhythmical and musical connections to the music form part of the band's musical narrative which is skillfully inserted while their percussive team tops the performance with heartbeats that resonate the musical pulses to their audiences making the overall performances a thrilling experience for all.

BackWest in concert is not to be missed - a showcase of imaginative, modern day Irish cultural expression, an explosion of tunes and song, vital to the world that is contemporary Irish and world music. Being truly passionate about their heritage and culture, **BackWest** are very well known to celebrate their Irish language on the global stage during the presentation of their performances.

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