

EXORNA is an authentic & energetic Celtic music trio from Ireland, England, & the US... with rich vocals & fiery rhythms from Victor McMullan on bodhran, spoons, bones, & snare..., flashy reels & jigs from Forrest Harris on fiddle, banjo, whistle, & accordion..., & dynamic and exciting sounds from Mark Butler on guitar.

VICTOR McMULLAN

vocals, bodhran, spoons, bones, conga, snare drum, blarney

Victor was born and raised on Exorna Lane in County Derry, Northern Ireland, and brings to the band traditional songs and stories he learned growing up in a Scots-Irish family. As a young lad his mother gave him a pair of spoons and said, "Here Victor, make yourself famous!" In Springfield, Illinois, Victor also plays snare & bass drums with the St. Andrew's Society and Thistle and Shamrock pipe bands.



FORREST HARRIS

fiddle, accordion, tenor banjo, pennywhistle, vocals

The only 'Yank. in the group, Forrest hails from the strip mine spoils of rural Knox County, Illinois. Forrest arrived at Irish & Scottish music after playing saxophone in his school jazz band & then rock guitar for 10 years with Pug Ugly & The Wild Hares. He became hooked on fiddle after hearing Johnny Cunningham of Silly Wizard play a lightning fast reel some years back. Forrest continues to explore the many styles and instruments of traditional Celtic music. Away from EXORNA, Forrest also plays fiddle and accordion for The Thistle and Shamrock Dancers in Springfield, IL.



MARK BUTLER

guitar, vocals

Mark grew up in Yorkshire in the north of England. He moved to the USA in 1995. Mark combines contemporary musical influences with tradition to produce a unique & dynamic Celtic guitar style. Mark was introduced to traditional music through local Irish-influenced music in Yorkshire. But it was through playing old-time folk music here in the US that Mark started to explore his Anglo-Irish musical roots. Victor: "He might be an Englishman, but we got him a special dispensation to sing Irish & Scottish songs."





EXORNA is booked regularly for a variety of events & venues... including festivals, pubs, restaurants, weddings & private parties. With our wide variety of traditional music... from lively jigs & reels of Ireland & Scotland to traditional Irish pub songs, & with stops in England and the US along the way... **EXORNA** has something for every music lover.

Some Places We've Played...

WHHP Radio Station, Farmer City, IL
WGLT Radio Station, Normal, IL
Champaign Festival of the Arts, Champaign, IL
Springfield Highland Games, Springfield, IL
Western Kentucky Highland Games, Paducah, KY
Chicago Highland Games, Oak Brook, IL
Celtic Fest, Chicago, IL
Strawberry Jam Festival, Champaign, IL
Rock River Celtic Fest, Roscoe, IL
Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
Erin Feis, Peoria, IL
Celtic Highland Games, Quad Cities, IA
Ethnic Festival, Chatham, IL
Merna Irish Heritage Festival, Bloomington, IL
Columbia Festival of the Arts, Columbia, MO
Marshall Fields, Chicago, IL
The Irish Cottage, Galena, IL
Chief O'Neill's Pub, Chicago, IL
O'Brien's Corner Tavern, Danville, IL
Jameson's Irish Pub, Waterloo, IO
Marley.s Pub, Springfield, IL
Bentley.s Pub, Champaign, IL
Castletown Geoghegan Pub, Belleville, IL
Springfield Center for the Arts, Springfield, IL
Celtic Cross Pipes & Drums Ceilidh, Peoria. IL
Galva Arts Society Concert Series, Galva IL
Forrest Park Nature Center, Peoria, IL
Allerton Park Concert Series, Montecello, IL
Urbana Free Public Library, Urbana, IL
Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur, IL
Illinois Valley Yacht Club, Peoria, IL

Booking Info...

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"Your show was awesome! I couldn't believe so much music could come from three guys, but it was amazing! My toes were tapping all the way home (and a good part of the next day)!"

(Charity, Grand Chain, Illinois)