

Mp3 Smithfield Fair - The Winter Kirk



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The spiritual majesty and passion of Scottish sacred music and the strength of a Highland kirk (church) service, from traditional sources with contemporary drive in an acoustic and vocal setting. 18 MP3 Songs

POP: Folky Pop, WORLD: Celtic Details: Smithfield Fair was born in the traditions of Scottish culture and retains links to the small Highland village of their origins. Yet, as Scots living in America, they have been influenced by a myriad of styles - pop, jazz, spiritual, rock, and classical. Their music takes the time-honoured songs of the Scottish Highlands and fuses it with intricate harmonies and contemporary driving rhythms. For an acoustic trio, they have an expansive and powerful sound. Throughout their 13 years, critics have continually lauded the group for their ability to enfuse traditional material with contemporary freshness, and create new works perfectly companionable to the ancient songs. They remain an active touring group, returning to Scotland whenever possible. The Winter Kirk is the group's fifth CD and features a collection of sacred songs and some seasonal works. Underscoring their strong vocal work is a finely woven accompaniment of guitars, mandolin, accordion, bodhran, percussion, bagpipes, and whistles.

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