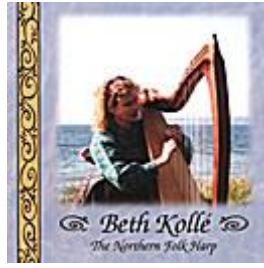


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Beautiful Nordic and Celtic ballads, dances and airs on folk harp and flute - all the songs from Beth's popular harp arrangement book. 21 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, NEW AGE: Celtic New Age

Details: The folk harp is made for Celtic and Nordic music. Looking for a calm, relaxing CD filled with exquisite, ancient melodies of the North? Here are beautiful traditional songs, dances and airs, many collected during Beth's travels in Norway, Sweden, Ireland and Scotland and performed for you on her folk harp and flute. What do Celtic and Nordic music have in common? All music reflects the language of the nation from which it comes, so these two traditions differ in mode, rhythm and emphasis. But both musical traditions draw inspiration from the native folk dance, from the hills and from the sea, even from the humor and personalities of the people. Celtic and Nordic music blend well together, so Beth chose her favorite tunes from both traditions for this album. The folk harp tradition is found in most countries in Europe. Some say the harp predates the pipes in Ireland and Scotland, and that the pipes drew their melodic ornaments from the harp tradition. Who knows? It's easier, though, to march with pipes than with a harp! The harp tradition in Scandinavia began to die away during the Industrial Revolution. Last summer Beth brought a tour group of musicians to Norway and Sweden to help encourage more harp playing, and another tour is being planned for spring of 2008 (see HARPA CD). Beth Koll performs and presents workshops on harp, flute and whistle, and sings in Norwegian, Swedish and Gaelic. She also teaches Scandinavian folkdance and song at festivals and retreats around the United States and in Europe. Immersed in both the Scandinavian and Gaelic communities in Seattle, Beth performs solo and with the groups Crookshank and Greensleeves. She has published six acclaimed books of harp arrangements, and released six recordings. Beth brings a fresh perspective to the ageless traditional music of the Nordic and Celtic lands.

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