



The name Cantrip is an Old Scots word meaning a charm, magic spell or piece of mischief and it aptly describes the unexpected twists and turns in their musical arrangements, likewise the compelling potency of their musicianship. Swirling border pipes, raging fiddle, thunderous guitar and three rich voices blend to create a sound energetic enough to tear the roof off. After 20 years of touring, Cantrip has found a character like no other. Echoes can be heard of trad music from the 1960s and 70s, but the years have slowly infested their music with the sounds of funk, metal, bluegrass, swing, and even klezmer. Dan Houghton, Jon Bews and Eric McDonald stir the elements in a witches' cauldron, slowly coalescing into chaotic order.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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HUDSON MUSIC FESTIVAL QUEBEC, CAN

FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL ONTARIO, CAN

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CRITICS SAY

"Their music comes from wild landscapes and wild places of the spirit." -- The Orcadian

"It's nice to find a band with a twin sense of humour and entertainment so well developed." -- The Scots Magazine

"Cantrip pulls together Breton, Scandic, a touch of the Balkans, and several strands of Scottish music to produce a rich and savoury feast from what is basically four lads having fun." -- Alex Monaghan, Irish Music Magazine

"One of the best concerts we've ever had the pleasure to experience." -- Green Man Review

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