

Seancara

... "old friends" in ancient Irish, and that's exactly what Seancara is!

Seancara is a new celtic band formed by old friends to explore new approaches to traditional and contemporary Celtic music. The instrumentation of fiddle, guitar, bodhran, vocals, and the occasional flute, lends itself to a wide range of Celtic music, from driving reels and beautiful songs, to haunting aires and ballads. Former ClanTerra founders Chris Daniels and Barbara Rose Olorenshaw have teamed up with Chris's son Jay to create a group specifically for concert and event performance. Barb's beautiful vocals and driving fiddle combines with Jay's precise and intricate guitar work, and Chris's unusually driving bodhran style in an intimate performance by *old* friends, designed to make *new* friends. Their long time relationship as friends and family provides a backdrop for the easy camaraderie between the band members and the audience. Their energetic and beautiful music, combined with light banter and stories from their travels and tours, guarantees a memorable event for all ages.



Barbara Rose Olorenshaw

Barb has been playing the violin since the age of 5 and got her first training in fiddle and performing with the Calgary Fiddle organization, where she first met Chris. At eighteen she teamed up with Chris to start the Celtic roots band ClanTerra. She spent 6 years touring North America and the UK with ClanTerra, which included performances at Walt Disney World, as well as festival performance throughout Canada. More recently Barb has completed her Bachelors of Music degree from the University of Calgary while continuing to playing with local bands like Third Reel, Seanachie, and Mazakoti. Her amazing fiddling and beautiful voice always leave an audience entranced and is truly a must see.



Jay Daniels

Jay is new to the music scene in Calgary but has already made a name for himself as a stellar Celtic guitarist. He has played regularly with Third Reel over the last couple of years and has become a much sought after addition to any Irish session or recording. His blazing picking combined with interesting chord patterns brings a unique flavor to the music, and is instrumental in the creation of the Seancara sound. His own musical compositions not only show off his mastering of the guitar but demonstrate a musical sensitivity far beyond his years.



Chris Daniels

Chris has been in the Canadian music industry for over 30 years as an audio engineer and producer, but has only started performing himself in the last 10 years. He first met Barb when she was 11 and playing in the Calgary Fiddlers, and he was their Technical Director. While playing as the guitar and bodhran player for ClanTerra, Chris studied, and was influenced by some of the greatest drummers in the Celtic music world, such as Donnchadh Goughof Danu, and John Joe Kelly of *Flook*. The result is his own unique style that is both rhythmically driving, and yet intricately complex. His solid rhythms provide the stability that allows the melodic virtuosity of Barb and Jay to shine.

"Water Valley Celtic Folk Festival is excited about the return of the Celtic trio Seancara. Barb, Chris, and Jay team up to provide very exciting Celtic Music with their own unique twist. The simple instrumentations bring forth reinvented dramatic rhythms enforced with tremendous energy." **Dave Settles, Water Valley Celtic Folk Festival**

"Seancara is a breath of fresh air with their stimulating, toe-tapping sound. An easy group to work with and a great bunch of talented musicians! Their high energy fiddle is sure to keep you up on your feet!" **Tracy Nault, Manager of Recreation,**

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