

About John Cutliffe

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I have so many hats and nowhere to hang them all. So here is a little blog site where I might ramble about my life and the stuff I am doing. Enjoy. I assume if you are here you already know me but if you don't read below for what Wikipedia says about me....



John Cutliffe is from Buncrana in County Donegal, Ireland but now lives in Nashville, Tennessee. (So Wiki is a little out of date. I now live in Norcross, Georgia) John grew up playing Irish traditional and bluegrass music in the many pubs that dot the Irish countryside and has played with many pop and rock bands over the years. During his wilder days in London his Irish bluegrass band the Pyros teamed up with Frank Tovey (AKA Fad Gadget) and recorded albums on the world famous Mute Records.

John helped formed The Pyros some years earlier in his home town of Buncrana. The group developed a cult following in the North West of Ireland. Various lineups have featured the cream of Donegal musicians including Kevin Doherty (Four Men and a Dog) and Ciaran Tourish (Altan). During this time John got the chance to meet and play with some of the best musicians in the world including Altan, Gerry O Connor, Ted Hawkins and rock legends such as former Wings guitarist Henry McCullough.

John is the owner and editor of JigTime, a site that chronicles Irish and American roots music and is the Tour Manager and general U.S. "man on the ground" for Irish traditional band Altan. He is a keen photographer and his pictures can be seen on websites including Rosanne Cash's site and the MerleFest site and on album covers both in Ireland and Nashville.

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Most recently John has teamed up with Andrea Zonn to produce the Hands Across The Water CD, a 16 track collaboration album between Celtic and American artists. The album features a host of Andrea and John's friends from Bonnie Raitt to Jackson Brown, from Altan to Vince Gill and all points in between. The CD is available worldwide on Compass Records, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Borders and good music stores all over the world.

John says of the project "It took a year of my life to make, what was left of my sanity and most of my money, but it was the best and most satisfying journey of my life and I made friends that will stay in my heart forever"

Since moving back to Georgia John has been working on many projects including tour managing his old friends Altan again and working for a small but progressive Radio Station in Sandy Springs.

Well since that article was published I have done a few more things including starting my podcast and user created content business here in Norcross GA. So get in touch and see if I can be of service to you whether your project is in music or not.

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