

MATTHEW BYRNE

hearts & heroes

BRAND NEW ALBUM AVAILABLE MAY 31

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

This Spring, Matthew Byrne releases his highly-anticipated second solo offering – *Hearts & Heroes*. The album brilliantly showcases all of Matthew's musical growth as a traditional singer and guitar player since his debut CD, and asserts a new level of confidence and musicianship when it comes to interpreting traditional songs. *Hearts & Heroes* will be available in stores and online on May 31st.

It has been four years since the release of *Ballads* – the debut solo effort by Matthew Byrne, which confirmed his status as one of Newfoundland's most authentic and vital traditional voices. In that time, Matthew's music has travelled well beyond the rugged shores of his home province. His role as singer and song-finder in The Dardanelles has brought him to many major international stages throughout North America, the UK, and even as far as Australia. But recording and touring as 'one of the Dards' has not replaced Matthew's musical endeavours, it has simply added to it.

For a second time, Matthew has teamed up with producer and musical partner, Billy Sutton, to record a repertoire of lesser-known traditional music, which he has either sourced out himself, inherited from family of traditional singers, or composed. The influence of four years with a powerful and rhythmic trad group is evident in many places throughout this recording. Songs like "Bold Nelson" and "McAlpine's Crew" showcase a thicker band sound and balance beautifully alongside the stark, stripped-down arrangements on the record. Each song is a captivating story delivered with powerful voice, masterful guitar playing, and musical accompaniment from some of Newfoundland's finest players.

Join Matthew Byrne and special guests on May 31st at George Street United Church in St. John's to celebrate the release of *Hearts & Heroes*.

Tickets are available online and in-store:

Online @ www.mattbyrne.eventbrite.ca

In-store @ Fred's Records, 198 Duckworth Street

For more information, visit www.matthewbyrne.net



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TRACKLIST...

01. Intro
02. Bold Nelson
03. What Fortune Guides A Sailor
04. Fair Ellen (ft. Meg Warren)
05. Claudie's Banks
06. The Jolly Ploughboy
07. Banks of Sweet Dundee
08. Plains of Waterloo
09. Hearts
10. True Love Knows No Season
11. McAlpine's Crew
12. Heroes
13. Grey Funnel Line

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