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“Darrell and his sons have put together some of the best folk melodies and most intricate arrangements this side of Nickel Creek.”

Joe Nickell, The Missoulian

“The Caseys had everyone literally bubbling over with anticipation, and leaning forward in their seats as the second half of the show was about to start.”

Chas Cantlon, Folkshop Productions

“If you’ve never heard Watercarvers Guild, you have missed one of the best musical experiences Montana has to offer.”

Kate Bertin, Colstrip, MT

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WATERCARVERS GUILD



*Sometimes you discover the best music
in unexpected places...*

Watercarvers Guild is fast emerging as one of the best acoustic ensembles in the Northwest. Their original vocal and instrumental music mingles new contemporary acoustic with Celtic, folk, pop and a touch of bluegrass. Past promoters have called their performance "top-notch, with some of the best guitar and mandolin collaboration." This Montana father and sons trio features Darrell Casey on guitar and mandolin, eldest son David on piano, guitar and bouzouki, and Nathan the youngest son on electric bass. All share the vocals.

Watercarvers Guild has performed at the Festival at Sandpoint, the Panida Theater, the Tractor Tavern in Seattle, the Sweet Pea Festival, and for numerous concert series across the region. "They were an instant hit with our discerning crowd", says Dyno Wahl, Executive Director of the Festival at Sandpoint. "From the first notes, their performance brought a hush over a festival crowd of nearly 2,000 people, as our patrons leaned forward to hear the intricate finger guitar, eloquent mandolin and melodious voices blending in sync." This summer, Watercarvers Guild performed at festivals all across the Northwest, including two nights at the Oregon State Fair.

The story of Watercarvers Guild is more than a biography of a band. It is first the story of a father and his sons and their music. The father of five children and an acoustic fingerstyle guitarist by trade, Darrell Casey had always made music a part of living and breathing in the Casey household. With piano, bass, mandolin, and numerous guitars and recorders filling their home, music was a common language they all shared. In that sense, Watercarvers Guild is, at its roots, a true folk band, with music passed on from father to sons. But Watercarvers Guild shares music in all directions, and it's David, the eldest son, who has become the main songwriter for the group. With strong lyrics, refreshing melodies and masterful arrangements, there is more to this group than the word "folk" suggests.

Watercarvers Guild recorded their first CD in 2000. Two years later they recorded a live concert CD and are now preparing to record another studio CD. This versatile, acoustic group is a member of Alaska's Touring Roster and Northwest on Tour. Fingerstyle guitarist, Darrell Casey, has also released two highly successful solo guitar CD's. His music received high praise from Executive Editor of Guitar Magazine, Jon Chappel, saying that his musical styles "recalls the elegance of Chet Atkins and the inventiveness of Michael Hedges. But Casey is wholly original, delivering his intelligent brand of fingerstyle with a sensitive and refined touch."

The term "watercarver" is Darrell Casey's metaphor, developed in the 1970's, to describe the craft of making music. "The watercarver has a real need to create. He has the tools, he has the medium," says Darrell. "He's the one who goes out daily and makes it happen. It's his soul that he's putting into this thing. Through that work, he discovers the meaning of life, so to speak. It's kind of allegorical to what music is all about. It's something that happens in a very short time and then it's gone."



Watercarvers Guild (contemporary vocal acoustic)

Watercarvers Guild, Est. 1973

Live at the Myrna

Darrell Casey (fingerstyle acoustic solo guitar)

Without a Word.....original compositions

These Good Figs....traditional Christmas

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