

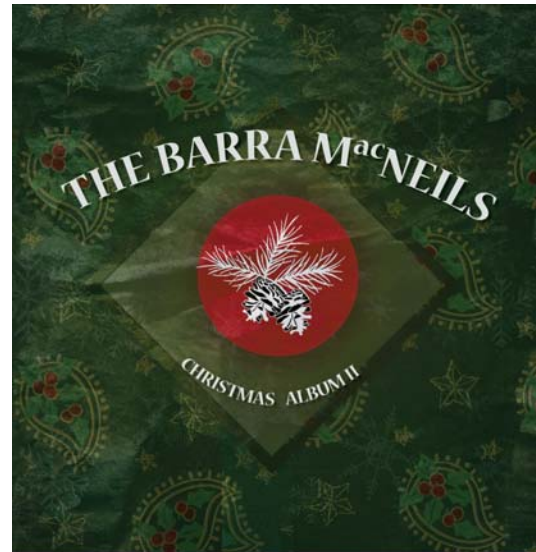
# The Barra MacNeils

## *Christmas Album II*

**In stores: Tuesday, November 14, 2006**

### At a glance:

- ***Christmas Album II*** is the Barra MacNeils' second seasonal recording, following 1999's ***The Christmas Album***
- In November and December, the band will be performing dates across Canada as part of their annual Christmas Tour in support of ***The Christmas Album II*** (see dates below)
- The group is a multiple **East Coast Music Award** winner, including *Group of the Year* in 2001
- The Barra MacNeils are a family group from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. One of the most recognized Celtic groups in the world, they perform instrumental and vocal numbers while incorporating dance, culture and family entertainment of an international caliber
- The band performs to sold-out audiences throughout Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and the United Kingdom



### Track listing:

1. On The Very First Christmas
2. Silent Night (Gaelic Version)
3. Angels We Have Heard On High
4. I Saw Three Ships
5. Ave Maria
6. Good King Wenceslas
7. Fireside Medley
8. The Melodeon
9. Iona Gaelic Singer
10. At Last I'm Ready For Christmas

### Upcoming shows:

|         |                          |                                     |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nov. 21 | <b>Ashcroft, BC</b>      | The Opera House                     |
| Nov. 22 | <b>Ashcroft, BC</b>      | The Opera House                     |
| Nov. 23 | <b>Surrey, BC</b>        | Bell Centre for the Performing Arts |
| Nov. 24 | <b>Maple Ridge, BC</b>   | Maple Ridge Theatre                 |
| Nov. 25 | <b>Victoria, BC</b>      | Alix Goolden Hall                   |
| Nov. 26 | <b>Courtenay, BC</b>     | Sid Williams Civic Theatre          |
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| Nov. 28 | <b>Trail, BC</b>         | Charles Bailey Theatre              |
| Nov. 29 | <b>Vernon, BC</b>        | Performing Arts Centre              |
| Dec. 1  | <b>Sherwood Park, AB</b> | Festival Place                      |
| Dec. 2  | <b>Banff, AB</b>         | Eric Harvie Theatre                 |
| Dec. 4  | <b>Regina, SK</b>        | Darke Hall                          |
| Dec. 5  | <b>Moose Jaw, SK</b>     | Mae Wilson Theatre                  |
| Dec. 6  | <b>Saskatoon, SK</b>     | Broadway Theatre                    |
| Dec. 9  | <b>Guelph, ON</b>        | River Run Centre                    |
| Dec. 10 | <b>Owen Sound, ON</b>    | Roxy Theatre                        |
| Dec. 11 | <b>Orillia, ON</b>       | Orillia Opera House                 |
| Dec. 12 | <b>Lindsay, ON</b>       | Academy Theatre                     |
| Dec. 14 | <b>Port Hope, ON</b>     | Capitol Theatre                     |
| Dec. 15 | <b>Peterborough, ON</b>  | Showplace Performance Centre        |
| Dec. 16 | <b>Kingston, ON</b>      | Duncan McArthur Hall                |
| Dec. 17 | <b>Belleville, ON</b>    | Empire Theatre                      |
| Dec. 18 | <b>Brockville, ON</b>    | Brockville Arts Centre              |
| Dec. 19 | <b>Ottawa, ON</b>        | Centrepointe Theatre                |
| Dec. 20 | <b>Pictou, NS</b>        | decoste Centre                      |
| Dec. 21 | <b>Fredericton, NB</b>   | The Playhouse                       |
| Dec. 22 | <b>Halifax, NS</b>       | Rebecca Cohn                        |
| Dec. 23 | <b>Glace Bay, NS</b>     | Savoy Theatre                       |

### Album info:

**Recorded at** Kyle and Anita MacNeil's home on the Mira and Soundpark Studio, Cape Breton, NS  
**Engineered by** Jamie Foulds and Boyd MacNeil  
**Produced by** The Barra MacNeils

Style: Celtic / Christmas

### Other albums available:

***Racket In the Attic*** (2002), ***Christmas Album*** (1999), ***Until Now*** (1997), ***The Question*** (1995), ***The Traditional Album*** (1994), ***Closer to Paradise*** (1993), ***Timeframe*** (1990), ***Rock in the Stream*** (1989)

# The Barra MacNeils

## *Biography*

Featuring a skilfully performed collection of seasonal favourites, ***The Christmas Album II***, was recorded at Kyle and Anita MacNeils' home on the Mira and Soundpark Studio in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The album, produced by **The Barra MacNeils**, is the group's second Christmas album and vividly features the family's captivating vocals, harmonies and extraordinary musicianship.

Multi-award winners, The Barra MacNeils have released numerous recordings over their 20-year career, including ***Racket In the Attic*** (2002), ***Christmas Album*** (1999), ***Until Now*** (1997), ***The Question*** (1995), ***The Traditional Album*** (1994), ***Closer to Paradise*** (1993), ***Timeframe*** (1990), ***Rock in the Stream*** (1989), ***The Barra MacNeils*** (1986). In 2001, they released a DVD titled ***Cape Breton Christmas*** incorporating music from their live ***Christmas Concert Special*** (as seen on television), plus a visit to Cape Breton, interviews with the Barra MacNeils home at Christmas and music videos.

The Barra MacNeils continue to perform to sold-out audiences throughout Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and the United Kingdom. They have headlined major festivals and concerts, made guest appearances on television specials (Rita MacNeil's CTV Christmas Special, performing with The Chieftains), and been featured on film and television soundtracks (***Men with Brooms Soundtrack***; ***Racket in the Attic***).

The Barra MacNeils one-hour ***Christmas Television Special*** (2000) continues to be broadcast on Country Music Television (CMT) and on the Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) network in the United States.

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