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in the coming months.

"There is a lot of interest in this music in the United States. The Irish population and Scottish populations are huge and they are interested in what we do. They are into acoustic music and we come from a little island in eastern Canada and there's a mystique about it. In the U.S. people are so saturated with pop culture that sometimes it's nice to enjoy that attachment to Irish or Scottish roots. I think we play soul music and if it reaches you to some capacity, well that's great."



It seems that the band has been reaching fans, new and old, for more than two decades, and are hoping to continue doing so for years to come.

"The oral tradition is what keeps this going and with all the different media we have it's nice

to know you can still sit down and tell a story and sing a song. We promote something that has strong identity and that's a big reason we can do what we do. There's also a love



that goes into it and there's something that's not fabricated about what we do. We draw on the traditions of growing up in a household where music and story was appreciated and that's what we like to share."

That's certainly the kinds of things families in this province will be sharing during the holidays as well.

To get your tickets to the Barra MacNeils Christmas show call the Holy Heart box office at 579-4424. To learn more about the band, visit www.barramacneils.com. ◀

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