

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



BY CELTIC KILROY

For any occasion, for children and adult audiences of all ages

- **Private parties & pubs (Including lake cruises)**
- **Company celebrations**
- **Camp fires**

Celtic Kilroy's repertoire consists of a mixture of traditional Celtic tunes along with a variety of contemporary classics. His presentations and delivery is always full of energy and is steeped in a celebration of life and all it has to offer.

Musical/Entertainer background:

Celtic Kilroy plays a variety of instruments such as guitar, banjo, harmonica, Irish penny whistle, Irish drum (bordhan) and rhythm bones. For the last fifteen years as a solo musician, he has performed at many type of venues and events such as; Annual Wheatland Music Festival in Remus Michigan X 4, Rockford Celtic Festival X 8, Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts X 4, St. Mary's International Festival X 1, Beaver Island, annual Irish Jig road race X 3, private parties, assistant living homes and various pub gigs. He also laid down tracks with some of his original pieces for video productions. In addition to performing as a solo artist, Celtic Kilroy was a member of a popular Celtic band known as the Kwils which disbanded after a twenty year musical journey. Since their inception in March of 1984, the Kwils performed a variety of Irish and Scottish songs, tunes and ballads at many different local and out of state venues. In July of 2004, his band celebrated their 20th year anniversary and the end of their musical journey together by touring Ireland and performed in many of the pubs with the local musicians. In March of 2006, Celtic Kilroy competed in the Battle of Celtic Bands in Ionia Michigan taking second place in the first round. He was the only soloist competing against full set bands in the event! Celtic Kilroy also performs as a human statue going by the name of; **The Irish Street Musician**. His first appearances began in July of 2012 in Grand Haven Michigan. Since then, he has performed for many venues in Michigan including the Sparta Celtic Festival, the Milwaukee and Michigan Irish Music Festivals, and competed in Art Prize 2013 in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Unlike most living statues, the Irish street musician enjoys interacting with his audience much more than his other living statue counterparts. He actually plays one of the six bronzed instruments he is holding at the time. While at festivals, upon coming to life, he either plays solo, with a musician that just happens to be walking by, along with the band performing near his platform, or accompaniment by traditional Celtic music he initiates from his bronze music box.

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ABOUT CELTIC KILROY

In addition to being a long time musical entertainer of 35 years, Matt "Celtic" Kilroy has been a health care practitioner for over 38 years and wears many hats. He is a licensed Respiratory Therapist currently working in the area of Medical Case Management. He worked at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus for 24 years in several capacities, as staff Respiratory Therapist, Educator, CPR Instructor, Group Facilitator and Supervisor. In February 2003, he changed jobs and is currently working for a health management organization based out of Grand Rapids Michigan as a Respiratory Therapist Case Manager. Matt is also a Licensed Wellness Coach. As a Wellness Coach Matt assist others in achieving their wellness vision leading his clients to optimal health.

Matt has a twenty seven year-old son named Brenton and a twenty five year-old daughter named Brianna. He is happily married to Shelly Marie. He was active in Boy Scouts for over seven years serving in the capacity of Assistant Scout Master, leader and merit badge counselor. Matt holds a sixth degree black belt in Tae Kwon-Do. He has been teaching martial arts to adults and children for over twenty seven years. Fifteen of the Twenty seven years he trained with and taught for the American Tae Kwon-Do Academy, a school based out of Bay City Michigan. In January 2006, Matt opened his own martial arts school in Belmont Michigan. His new school is located at the Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA of which he functions as the master instructor and martial arts program coordinator.

Sixteen years ago, Matt began his own unique style of low impact aerobic kick boxing and developed a women's self-defense called "Physical Abuse Avoidance Tactics". He was in a Traditional Celtic Band called the Kwils which disbanded after a twenty year musical journey. The Kwils produced two CD's during their time together; their first CD in March of 1997 and second CD in November of 2000. Matt now enjoys performing as a solo musician under the name of "Celtic Kilroy", most recently creating a new style of entertainment called; "Pub Cabaret" and began performing as a living statue called The Irish Street Musician. Matt has been a member of a national speaker's club called Toastmasters International for over 17 years. He is the recipient of one of their highest level of achievements, the Toastmasters Gold public speaker award. He provides presentation and seminars for organizations that wish to improve upon their team moral, spirit and effectiveness.

Matt loves to run, roller blade, kayak, swim, ride his bike and cross country ski. He enters and completes local road races and triathlon annually. Matt recently reached his 12 gallon mark for giving blood through the American Red Cross Blood program and encourages all who are able to also give this great gift of life.

In summary, Matt is still a 58 years "young" lad at heart while maintaining the wisdom of an adult. He describes himself as a "human sponge" that absorbs all the possibilities and joys that life has to offer in order to later share them with whoever may cross his path. Matt believes we were all placed on this earth to accept, help and serve each other by way of our God given talents, and sharing his musical and coaching talents, among others, are just a few of many ways he passionately follows this belief. His mantra.....

"I came into this world a student; I will leave this world a student."

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