

DAVID HYAMS AND THE MILES TO GO BAND

"The band includes some of the finest players of Celtic music in the country and is a refreshing combination of imaginative new material with deep respect for source traditions...There is nothing else quite like them in Australia." Fairbridge Festival Artistic Director Steve Barnes

Since their first show in 1999 to mark the release of David's 'Miles To Go' album, the **Miles To Go band** have been living up to their name, having travelled and played extensively around the country for festivals and concert shows.

The Fremantle based big band of celtic-roots fusion features some of WA's finest musicians on a world spanning array of instruments; a rhythm section consisting of percussionist **Dana Ogle**, alongside **Manoli Vouyoucalos** on bass, cellist **Anna Sarcich**; multi-instrumentalist **Dan Bright** on guitar and didgeridoo; **Stuart Paterson** on wood flute and whistles; and uilleann piper and saxophonist, **Brett Hirsch**. At times the band also features **Nola Formentin** on trombone.

The band's celtic infused mix has broadened over the years with new songs from Hyams' adding country-blues tinges, while continuing to explore places and stories of our vast landscape - from the stunning night sky of the Kimberley and the north's oceans of wilderness, to winding southern coastal tracks...

In 2009 the Australian newspaper described them as one of the "standout acts" of the massive Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland. In 2010 they received their 6th consecutive nomination for "Best World Music Act" at the WA Music Industry's "WAMi" awards.

The Miles To Go Band has over the years opened for the likes of Bob Geldof, Maryanne Faithfull, Shooglenifty and Sharon Shannon. 2010 has seen them making their first foray into North America, after an invitation to showcase at the International Folk Alliance Convention in Memphis.

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