

MÁIRÉAD NESBITT CELTIC VIOLINIST BIO (SHORT)

As a Grammy and Emmy nominated artist and composer, and founding member of the global phenomenon *Celtic Woman*, *Máiréad Nesbitt* has enchanted millions of fans around the world. Featured Celtic Violinist on all 11 Celtic Woman albums each achieving #1 slot in the Billboard World Music Chart.

Former All- Ireland fiddle champion and Irish Youth Orchestra member, Máiréad is a CIT Cork School of Music and London Royal Academy alum. She is an Irish Music Magazine Best Traditional Artist and multiple Irish Music Awards recipient.

Cited by the New York Times as “a demon of a fiddle player”, Máiréad has two Billboard Charting solo albums in World Music, Classical Crossover, Classical and Heatseeker Charts to her credit, *Rainíng Up* and her new solo album *Hibernia*. She is also guest violinist and composer on many award winning cds with international artists.

In 2017, Máiréad also released the album *Devil's Bit Sessions*, charting in the Billboard World Music Charts. It explores the rich musical heritage of the Nesbitt Family.

A past member of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra of Ireland , Máiréad has been guest soloist with orchestras in the USA & internationally including the City of Hong Kong Chamber Orchestra, The Berne Symphony Orchestra and The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Máiréad has launched her own violin line, *Máiréad Nesbitt Celtic Violin Collection* which is now available on www.maireadnesbittviolin.com and from select stores in the USA and Ireland.

Also launched in 2019, Máiréad's Celtic inspired jewelry collection SOLSTICE at <https://solstice-jewelry-by-mairead-nesbitt.myshopify.com/>

Having performed for three US Presidents at The Whitehouse and The Pentagon, Máiréad has performed in iconic venues worldwide including Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, Red Rocks Colorado and Hyde Park.

Máiréad made her Broadway debut at The Broadway with the show spectacular *Rocktopia*. 2019 has marked Máiréad's fifth time performing in Carnegie Hall with artists such as Celtic Woman and Tim Janis and Special Guests, Tori Kelly, Colbie Caillet, Us The Duo and more.