

## MÁIRÉAD NESBITT CELTIC VIOLINIST 2020 BIO - (MED)

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. She is featured as the Celtic Violinist on eleven celebrated Celtic Woman albums, notably with every album rising to the #1 slot on the Billboard World Music chart.

At a young age Máiréad was an All-Ireland fiddle champion. A past member of the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland, Máiréad completed her musical training at the CIT Cork School of Music and the prestigious London Royal Academy of Music.

Cited by the New York Times as “*a demon of a fiddle player*”, Máiréad has two Billboard charting solo albums to her credit, *Raining Up* and *Hibernia*. Máiréad is featured soloist on Disney’s Tinker Bell and Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure.

In 2017, Máiréad released the album *Devil’s Bit Sessions*, which charted on the Billboard World Music charts. It features three generations of her own family and explores the rich musical heritage of the Nesbitts.

A past member of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra of Ireland, Máiréad has been a guest soloist with top orchestras around the globe, including the City of Hong Kong Chamber Orchestra, The Berne Symphony Orchestra and The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Máiréad holds the distinctions of having performed for three US Presidents at both the The Whitehouse and The Pentagon. She has also been a featured performer in iconic venues including Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall, Red Rocks and Hyde Park.

Máiréad made her Broadway debut in 2018 with the multi-genre hit show *Rocktopia*. As well as having performed in Carnegie Hall with Celtic Woman, Máiréad was a special guest soloist with PBS star pianist/composer Tim Janis. Most recently, Máiréad is featured soloist in the new PBS and Amazon Prime special “Celtic Lands”. It airs on Today with Hoda and Jenna to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day 2021.

Máiréad is very excited to launch the new Máiréad Nesbitt Jewelry Collection and TV show with global brand JTV March 2021.