

# SWITCHBACK

Switchback is the name of the award-winning duo of Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack. Their brand of original music has made them an international touring sensation and a presence on PBS in the United States. Dubbed "American Roots with Celtic Soul," Switchback seamlessly blends a Celtic tribal beat with the raw energy of the wide open American plains. Their beautifully crafted songs move the feet while swaying the heart.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Switchback for multiple shows at two venues and it was easy and enjoyable every time. The guys are quick with materials, willing to do interviews, easy going, and professional. Not to mention, they interacted well with our patrons and they loved them!"  
Kevin L Maynard, Executive Director,  
The Orpheum Theatre, Galesburg, IL

## ACHIEVEMENTS/ NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS

NBC "Grimm" use of original music  
PBS "Music on the Mayne Stage" WYCC Chicago  
PBS "Celtic Sessions" and "Americana Sessions"  
RTE Dublin, Ireland  
Top Duo for North America and Europe  
-Irish Music Association

## U.S. TOUR ENGAGEMENTS

Music on the Maynestage, WYCC PBS, Chicago  
Sheldon Concert Hall, St Louis, MO  
Pollak Theatre at Monmouth College, West Long Branch, NJ  
Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Santa Cruz, CA  
Cowan Center for the Arts, University of Texas, Tyler, TX  
Star Plaza Theatre, Merrillville, IN  
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie, WI  
State Theatre, Bay City, MI  
Woodstock Opera House, Woodstock, IL  
Effingham Performance Center, Effingham, IL  
Cheboygan Opera House, Cheboygan, MI  
Grunin Center for the Arts, Toms River, NJ

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## CONCERT OFFERINGS

"An Evening with Switchback"  
Original and Irish music, delivered with story and wit.  
  
"Rivers, Rails, & Rodeos: An American Musical Portrait"  
Switchback's Americana originals  
  
"Traveling Down an Irish Road"  
A musical Irish holiday of original and Irish favorites.  
  
"A Midwestern Christmas with Switchback"  
Holiday favorites, dance and community spirit.

The core of Switchback is a duo which can expand up to a 5-et, adding percussion, flute, violin, voice, and/or Irish step dancers.

## OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Off the mainstage, Switchback is dedicated to its outreach programs for schools, community events, senior citizen groups, and special needs audiences. They offer outreach programs on Celtic music, songwriting, and music appreciation as well as music residencies.



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