

**March 21, 2006** - Boston, Massachusetts – **Highlander Radio** is pleased to announce the winners of the 2006 Celtic Radio Music Awards. This Music Awards program was created in 2005 to acknowledge and promote exceptional Celtic music.

Due to the popularity of the first Celtic Radio Music Awards in 2005, Highlander Radio expanded the program in 2006 to include Celtic Music across five categories of music: *Celtic Rock*, *Traditional*, *Jigs & Reels*, *Bagpipes* and *Roots Traditional*. Throughout the year Highlander Radio received nominations from listeners and from members of CelticRadio.net. After a careful screening process, which is based upon listener nominations, ratings, requests and other radio statistics; Highlander Radio selected 3 songs from each category for community voting.

Voting began on January 1st and ended on Celtic Radio's popular St. Patrick's Day celebration. Members of Celtic Radio **cast a total of 1,755 votes** making this years Celtic Radio Music Awards the most successful to date!

## 2006 Celtic Radio Music Award Recipients

Artist	Song	Album	Music Category
<i>Mother Grove</i>	<i>All Right</i>	<i>Tri</i>	<i>Celtic Rock</i>
<i>Karen Mal</i>	<i>Dark Eyed Sailor</i>	<i>Dark Eyed Sailor</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
<i>Smokey Finish</i>	<i>Being Drunk Set</i>	<i>Tune the Speed</i>	<i>Jigs &amp; Reels</i>
<i>Albannach</i>	<i>Albacadabra</i>	<i>Albannach</i>	<i>Bagpipes</i>
<i>Deirdre Shannon</i>	<i>The Prayer</i>	<i>Deirdre Shannon</i>	<i>Roots Traditional</i>

Winners receive recognition of this prestigious award through the induction into the Celtic Radio Hall of Fame and permission to use the Celtic Radio Music Award banner on their website.

[http://www.celticradio.net/php/celtic\\_radio\\_awards.php](http://www.celticradio.net/php/celtic_radio_awards.php)

In 2007 Highlander Radio added a new category to the Music Awards Program. Album of the Year was created to acknowledge and recognize a musician or band for the performance and creativity in producing a full length album. In selecting this Award, Highlander Radio looked closely at a number of attributes. While total ratings and radio statistics were consulted in narrowing the field of selections, more emphasis was placed on the musical talent, theme, originality, creativity and whether that artist or group embodies the "Highlander Radio" sound.

## 2006 Celtic Radio Album of the Year

### Albannach debut Album – Albannach

From their website, "Albannach is Scots-Gaelic for "Scottish" or "Scotsman". That's exactly what we are. Albannach are all born and bred in Scotland and our purpose in life is to share our intriguing culture, history and heritage with you by means of our music.

Albannach is a powerful and emotional tribute to the history, culture and heritage of Scotland. We are proud to announce Albannach as the recipient of the 2006 Celtic Radio Album of the Year.

Special thanks to **Steven Dahlberg** and all of the **Celtic Radio Forum Guides** for helping to promote and champion this event. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2007 Celtic Radio Music Awards, please visit our site at <http://www.celticradio.net>.