# Serena Smith

### "Congratulations Serena. Sounds great" - Sharon Shannon

Serena is a British American with over 30 years experience playing the fiddle. Starting out with classical music in elementary school (in the USA) when she was 9, she decided to switch to Irish Folk music after university. She continued studying classical music as well and in the last few years passed the ABRSM grade 8 exam with distinction. Having a background in multiple styles has enabled her to develop a unique way of playing.

She is currently based in Lincolnshire, UK and spends the majority of her time gigging across the UK, Europe, and occasionally in the USA. Serena has also spent many years busking to earn a living and to develop her talent, including in the London Underground. She has used this experience to understand how to develop new music that interests many different people.

Her friends include musicians with decades of experience in multiple genres. Serena Smith & Friends are a lively Celtic Fusion band with fresh musical arrangements which combines traditional fiddle tunes with rock, jazz, dance, and other styles. Recently headlining a folk festival in the Czech Republic, the band had wonderful feedback and are looking forward to doing more international touring.

## PRESS PHOTOS





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**Celtic Fusion Band** 

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## MUSIC

The style of Celtic fusion that the band plays (Irish, Scottish, and English folk tunes mixed with modern styles) includes so much variety that it's able to reach a wider audience. People have described it as dynamic, inspiring, exciting, sweet, and surprising. Serena is influenced by Eileen Ivers, Elephant Sessions, Talisk, Beoga, Blackbeard's Tea Party, and Face the West. The band are completely instrumental, and play music people can dance to and have some interesting stories to share along the way! Check out Serena's new single Drunken Goodbye from her upcoming album *Fiddle Me That* on <u>Spotify</u> or <u>Apple Music</u>.

### VIDEO

Here are some links to Serena's YouTube videos:

Two Fifty to Vigo/Superfly

Golden Keyboard/Dunmore Lasses

Marathon of Rave Ending

Celtic Fusion Show Finale (Dancing with the audience)

Drunken Goodbye (New Single)

## INQUIRIES

Contact Serena by email: Serena\_E\_Smith@yahoo.co.uk to book Serena Smith & Friends for festivals or theatre shows. Alternatively phone or text/WhatsApp +44 (0) 7412 170 710

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