

McPEAKE -BIO

*Ask Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, or Bono about the roots of Irish Music, and they will point you to the **McPeake** Family!*

The four generations of the **McPeake** Family are one of those rare Irish gems that have been whispered as 'folk-royalty.' Their beloved song "**Wild Mountain Thyme**" has been on the lips of music lovers across the globe - in Irish pubs, concert halls, and music festivals worldwide - since it was first performed in the late 1940s. This hauntingly beautiful folk anthem has been covered by music superstars such as Glen Frey (*The Eagles*), Rod Stewart, Bob Dylan and Judy Collins, to name but a very few.

Francis McPeake I penned "**Wild Mountain Thyme**;" Francis McPeake II influenced Van Morrison, Pete Seeger and Bob Dylan; Francis McPeake III taught John Lennon the *Uilleann Pipes*; and now **Francis McPeake IV** - who has worked with iconic Hollywood film companies, such as Walden Media, and Academy Award-winning actors - has formed the vibrant new band **McPEAKE**.

Figuring prominently in the EMMY Award-winning PBS Special "**Music of Ireland**," **McPEAKE** is now taking the world of Celtic music by storm with its own contemporary brand of self-penned songs and compositions. The new generation of this legendary family has developed a distinctive sound that is totally immersed in the popular culture of today, while maintaining a firm anchor in the influences of past generations.

McPEAKE's unique blend of pop, folk, and Irish music attracts widely diverse audiences that might not otherwise commingle. Fans consistently use superlatives such as fresh, authentic, original, and dazzling to describe the experience that is - **McPEAKE!**