



Originally hailing from Co. Clare and now based in Canada, Irish singer-songwriter Michael Darcy is a two-time **Canadian Folk Music Awards** nominee who has released three critically acclaimed studio albums since 2018. He has spent the last few years touring North America with his band The Atlantic Tramps, generating a musical whirlwind of transatlantic folk traditions.

Drawing from the well of rich Irish music that he grew up with and also being inspired by gritty American songwriters like John Prine & Guy Clark, Michael's songs bear the earthy tones of his west Clare roots and the freshness of a newly cut path, Americana. *Irish Music Magazine* raved that "Darcy's originals sit so comfortably within the genre that you'd swear they've been around for generations", while his self-penned ballad "Wild West Clare" has received praise from Irish folk legend **Christy Moore**.

Michael performs both solo and with The Atlantic Tramps. Most recently, the band have spent the past few summers steadily growing a fanbase in North America, performing at multiple celtic festivals & folk venues in Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois & Iowa while maintaining a busy touring schedule in their home base of Ontario, Canada. Michael also embarked on a successful Irish tour in 2023 culminating in a packed show at the historic **Cobblestone** in Dublin. His 2022 single "Sweet St. John's" was featured on the popular *St. John's Morning Show* for **CBC Radio One** in Canada. He has performed shows at many of Toronto's legendary venues including **Rivoli, Horseshoe Tavern, El Mocambo & Hugh's Room Live**, and has shared the stage with multi-platinum Irish artist **Mundy** on numerous occasions as his special guest.

After releasing his impressive solo debut *Simple Drop of Rain*, which resulted in positive reviews and radio play on both sides of the Atlantic, Michael returned to the studio with The Atlantic Tramps in tow for the eagerly-awaited follow-up album *Down to the Roots*. Released in 2022 to critical acclaim, it garnered a **2023 Canadian Folk Music Awards** nomination for **Traditional Singer of the Year** while his original song "The Ballad of Uncle Frank" was nominated for **Song of the Year** at the **2023 Ontario Folk Music Awards**. His third studio album, *Homemade*, was released in 2025 and as the title suggests, it was engineered, recorded and produced at Michael's home studio in Paris ON, becoming his first DIY release. It once again led to a **Traditional Singer of the Year** nomination for the **2026 Canadian Folk Music Awards**.