



# Constant Billy

## Reviews

### "The Greatest Celtic Vocal group in Texas... "

" Constant Billy is without a doubt, the GREATEST CELTIC VOCAL GROUP IN TEXAS...and my favorite too. "

- Patrick Devlin of *BLAGGARDS*



"Constant Billy, one of Houston's longest-standing and continuously-performing acts, preserves the tradition of timeless Celtic music deep in the heart of Texas. Their lively reels and jigs keep audiences toe tapping, hand clapping and hollering for more. But it is their songs- Irish, Scottish and English ballads and their own, self-penned originals that define them and their performances. The trio- Emily Standish, Bill Galbraith and David Randall - manage to combine energy, precision and fun in a way that encourages audiences to join them in song.

Dedicated members of the Houston music community, Emily and Bill share their extensive knowledge of Celtic music as co-hosts on KPFT'S Irish Aires radio program. So, grab a pint and sing along to the rollicking melodies of Constant Billy!"

- Pete Little, *KPFT Radio 90.1FM*



"Though often lumped for convenience in the Celtic category, Houston's Constant Billy is more accurately described as pan-British folk. Irish, Scottish and Welsh tunes constitute just a fraction of their repertoire; they work in old English ballads and sea shanties as well. How many other Celtic bands have mastered tunes of the Channel Islands, those forgotten British bailiwicks off the coast of France known today only to the super-rich as tax havens? Bill Galbraith's hilarious between-songs banter can bring you out of the dumps of even the bloodiest Scots border ballad."

-John Nova Lomax, *HOUSTON PRESS*



"These guys are probably the best all-around-folk-a cappella singers in Houston, and they are veterans of several different groups."

-Jen Hamel of *CLANDESTINE*



"Combining deft musicianship and striking harmonies with humor and élan, Constant Billy is comprised of some of the most accomplished Celtic musicians in the Southwest. They're poised to become the preeminent band in the booming Celtic music movement in Texas by making their tunes as accessible as Rock 'n' Roll, but twice as fun, all while remaining true to the tradition"

-Larry Rone, *Entertainment Director, AUSTIN CELTIC FESTIVAL*



"A new day has dawned. There's a new band in the neighborhood, Constant Billy. Featuring artists formerly of Furagh Larq and Nobody's Reel, this group brings to the stage an incredible, eclectic repertoire of intricate harmonies, fine instrumentals and stuff you just don't hear every day."

- *TRADITIONS*