



# ASHLEY DAVIS

## Winter Solstice Celebration

Sunday | 7:30 pm | Auditorium

**DEC 17, 2023**

**There will be no intermission during this performance.**



Think Joni Mitchell meets contemporary Celtic and you'll get something like the creative force of Ashley Davis, an American singer-songwriter whose musical imagination invites the world into her eclectic sphere. While this mash-up may classify her work, Ashley's unique ability to capture and cross musical traditions ultimately transcends comparison. Her soft-spoken music conjures a genre and world all its own. *Good Morning America*, for instance, describes the Ashley Davis Band as "new music springing from ancient roots." A culmination of the many influences that have inspired her over the years, her songwriting has captivated audiences on either side of the Atlantic—and has invited them, instinctively, to dream. She has excelled in Celtic folk, Americana and even electronic, proving she can turn any musical style into a spellbinding story. In the words of Academy Award-winning composer Philip Glass, Ashley Davis has "as much musicality as anyone could wish for."

A native of Kansas and graduate of the University of Limerick's World Music Centre, Ashley writes music that lives between continents and speaks to two national traditions. Between her background in American roots and love of Celtic folk, she possesses a unique talent for conjoining ancient history with modern, intercultural interpretation.

As a performer moving between Nashville, New York, the west of Ireland and even the Isle of Man, where she served as artist-in-residence in 2006, Ashley has always applied her distinct Great Plains perspective to a range of genres and cultures, forging songs out of the moment when different minds and backgrounds meet. Given all the time she has spent traversing the Atlantic, it is unsurprising that her music exhibits an inherently ethereal and aqueous quality. Her songs seem to exist airborne above the ocean, merely waiting for the current to direct them toward shore.

Much like water, Ashley's music is fluid, always escaping categorization. While new age, Celtic, roots, bluegrass, country, electronic and indie have all described her music over the years, none of these descriptors comprehensively characterize Ashley Davis today. She is, in her own words, "a songwriter, who likes particular sounds surrounding my music."

Learn more about Ashley and her music at [ashleydavisband.com](http://ashleydavisband.com).

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