

# Biography

## DEVONSQUARE

.. For thirty years these three talented singer songwriters from Maine and New Hampshire (Alana MacDonald , Tom Dean, Herb Ludwig) toured the US and Europe as well as releasing five CD's. From the pubs and folk stages of the Northeast, this singer-songwriter trio developed a devoted fan base that has followed these three musicians from coast to coast to hear their shimmering three part harmonies and award winning songs. They were commonly referred to as the #1 vocal group on the contemporary-folk music circuit.



.. In 1987, Atlantic Records chairman Ahmet Ertegun heard them and signed them immediately to his record company. Their CD "Walking On Ice" was released to critical acclaim in 1988. Its title track reached the Top 20 on the national AC charts and was a breakthrough NAC hit. They immediately began work on their next CD "Bye Bye Route 66" which was released in January 1992. This CD spawned the singles "If You Could See Me Now" and "Bye Bye Route 66" which received rave reviews from radio and print media. It also earned them a nomination for "Best New Act" at the 1992 Boston Music Awards.

.."Industrial Twilight" the band's 5th release is a musical and lyrical journey down the yellow brick road. With it's Beat influenced lyrics and unique instrumentation this CD reached new creative heights for Devonsquare.

..From the folk clubs in the sixties and seventies to the major label debut in 1988 on Atlantic Records, this group known for their exceptional songwriting and stunning vocal harmonies never stopped growing.

..Sadly in 2005, founding member Herb Ludwig passed unexpectedly during a heart operation. His songwriting, beautiful tenor voice and soaring falsetto were an integral part of that heavenly Devonsquare vocal sound. After a number of years has passed the two remaining members, Tom Dean & Alana MacDonald have decided to perform again as Devonsquare, joined by longtime bass guitarist Teg Glendon and guitarist Robby Coffin.

This band still has a lot to sing about and a great way of singing it.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1984/1985 – Best New Album “Devonsquare” “Night Sail (Maine Music Awards)
- 1987 – Atlantic Records signs the songwriting trio to a 2 record deal and re-releases “Walking On Ice” internationally.
- 1989 – Pony Canyon Records in Japan releases “Night Sail”, a compilation of the first two recordings by Devonsquare.
- 1992 – Nominated for Best New Act (Boston Music Awards)
- 1992 – “Bye Bye Route 66” is released internationally on Atlantic Records.
- 1996 – “Industrial Twilight” the bands 5th recording is released independently as well as in Germany on SVP Records