

# Beyond the Pale

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## 100 word band bio

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**Critically-acclaimed** and **award-winning**, Toronto's *Beyond the Pale* is one of the most exciting ensembles in the Canadian folk, roots, and world music scenes. Their **explosive acoustic sound** is inspired by a wide range of **cross-cultural influences**, from European folk music (Klezmer, Balkan, Gypsy, Romanian) to contemporary and North American styles (bluegrass, jazz, reggae, funk, and more). Their spectacularly **dynamic performances** and unique genre-defying sound has delighted audiences of all kinds at major music festivals, concert theatres, and clubs across Canada, the US, and Europe. The group has released two CDs on the Canadian folk label Borealis Records, both of which have received wide critical acclaim and numerous awards.

The group features Bogdan Djukic (violin, percussion), Aleksandar Gajic (violin), Bret Higgins (bass), Milos Popovic (accordion), Eric Stein (mandolin), and Martin van de Ven (clarinet). They are frequently joined by guest musicians and singers, including Alex Kontorovich (clarinet/sax), Josh Dolgin (vocals /piano), Vira Lozinsky (vocals), and others.

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