

TEMPEST BIOGRAPHY

Lief Sorbye – Lead Vocals, Double-Necked
Mandolin and Mando-Guitar

Adolfo Lazo – Drums

Michael Mullen – Fiddle and Vocals

James Crocker – Guitar

Damien Gonzalez – Bass and Vocals



Since forming in 1988, Tempest has delivered a globally-renowned hybrid of high-energy folk rock fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. The last 20 years have seen the San Francisco Bay Area-based act release twelve critically acclaimed CDs and play more than 2,000 gigs. It's also enjoyed an evolving line-up that's enabled its musicianship and creativity to rise with each new member-something highlighted by the group's current roster.

Hailing from Oslo, Norway, founding member and lead singer/electric mandolinist Lief Sorbye is recognized as a driving force in the modern folk-rock movement. Fiddler Michael Mullen, a favorite with the fans, is the original fiddler for the group. Bassist Damien Gonzalez, a native Californian, is also an accomplished drummer and didgeridoo player who may occasionally breathe fire. Native of Devon, England, and a former member of the UK's folk-rock band Equation, guitarist James Crocker combines a deep-rooted British folk sensibility with a life-long rock experience. Cuban-born drummer Adolfo Lazo, an original Tempest member, colors the band's sound with inventive percussion.

Signed to WEA-distributed Magna Carta Records, Tempest's releases have received worldwide acclaim. The group's brand new CD *Prime Cuts* is a true career retrospective featuring their most requested songs, along with some juicy new material. The release also includes a second disc featuring the 2 hour DVD *Tempest Through The Ages*.

Tempest is regularly featured at prestigious festivals including The Philadelphia Folk Festival, Denmark's Skagen Festival, Britain's Cropredy Festival and The Winnipeg Folk Festival. The band is also a mainstay at countless American Celtic festivals.

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