The Press Gang is a vocal group dedicated to bringing history to life through entertainment in the form of music and stories.

The members of The Press Gang are: Jeff Beatman, Patty Beatman, John McCall, Robin McCall, Keith Southall and Robin Southall. Together they have more than a century of combined performing experience in a wide range of musical entertainment.

The Press Gang sings sea chanteys and Celtic songs of the 1700s and 1800s, Civil War era tunes, and Victorian Christmas carols. The Press Gang performs a cappella and with guitar or banjo accompaniment in period authentic dress.

The Press Gang’s performances and CDs have been well-received at nautical festivals, maritime museums, tall ship events, historical celebrations, Civil War commemorative events, corporate fundraisers and private parties.

Testimonials
"Seriously, I feel like we hit one out of the park with last night’s Press Gang program. The audience was totally with you – I kept turning around to watch their faces and loved seeing how many were singing along."
Peggy Haile McPhillips, Norfolk City Historian

"The Press Gang created a sound so authentic that you felt like you were journeying down the river with them without ever leaving the riverfront."
Janet Rose, James River Batteau Festival

Discography
Shanghaied
Paint it Green
United in Song
An Old Fashioned Christmas

The Press Gang’s music is available from the Apple iTunes Store and CDBaby.

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