

3 Daft Monkeys from Cornwall, UK

With Celtic and Eastern influences, the 3 Daft Monkeys' dynamic style of world folk music reflects the global village in which we now live. With a fiery helter-skelter blend of folk styles, 3 Daft Monkeys inject a unique wildness into their music, producing a symphonic carnival of styles. Their infectious dancing rhythms lead you through a musical journey of the senses and emotions, and will leave you breathless, enthralled and exhilarated.

3 Daft Monkeys have an original and high-energy approach to music, and with their passion, intensity and famously theatrical performances, this hard-working band have gained themselves a large and loyal cult following right across Europe. Their self-written music is hard to pigeon-hole, mixing and crossing many musical genres from Celtic, Klezmer, Gypsy, Balkan, Latin, Ska, Dub Reggae, Psychedelic, Rock and even a hint of Shostakovich.

With a 4-piece line-up, the band weave enchanting melodies with catchy choruses, virtuoso violin, rhythmic 12-string guitar, 6-string bass, bespoke hand-percussion and 4-part vocal harmonies. Fascinating lyrics of personal and whimsical observations on life, and folk tales both ancient and modern, are told within the swirling layers of their music, all with the essential catchy sing-along chorus.

3 Daft Monkeys have wowed audiences at hundreds of festivals in the UK, including headlining stages at Glastonbury Festival, Fairport Convention's Cropredy, Beautiful Days, Shrewsbury Folk Festival, Cambridge Folk Festival, Belladrum and Boomtown to name a few. Their eclectic mix of styles has drawn them a following right across Europe, and the band have headlined stages at Lorient Festival Interceltique, Brittany, France, and in Holland, Germany, France and Spain. 3 Daft Monkeys have also joined acrobats and circus performers in the new and vibrant boutique "busking festival" scenes of Switzerland and Italy.

The band's diversity is reflected in the acts for whom they have been invited as special guests, including touring across the UK and Europe with the Levellers, and opening for bands such as Hawkwind, Bellowhead, Oysterband, Show of Hands, Skinny Lister, Tankus the Henge and Dreadzone, as well as headlining their own national tours.

3 Daft Monkeys have been personally invited to play live sessions on both the Bob Harris, and Mark Radcliffe BBC Radio 2 shows, with Mark Radcliffe hailing their live show as one of his "Highlights of Glastonbury"

This multi-award-winning live act delivers dynamic, rampageous, powerful performances of their completely original songs with an endless energy and enthusiasm! With 21 years of International festival experience in hand, 3 Daft Monkeys certainly know how to work a festival crowd, and are guaranteed to whip an audience into a frenzy of emotions with every performance.

“A veritable melting pot of styles makes a colourful carnival of sound” (fROOTS)

“Highlight of Glastonbury” Mark Radcliffe BBC2

“Outstanding fiddle work” (The Guardian)

“One of my favourite festival moments ever” (Mike Harding BBC2)

“The musicianship- the virtuosity, the song craft, the arrangement- is simply astonishing” (Spiral Earth)

“Joyously life-affirming” (West Briton)

“One of the hardest-working, best lyric-writing, most joyful, danceable bands known to the universe!” (Green Gathering)

“A quality balance of spaced-out dizziness, dance-ability and sophisticated folk music” (Bearded Theory)

“The musicianship- the virtuosity, the song craft, the arrangement is simply astonishing” (Spiral Earth)

“Amazing energy” Bob Harris BBC2

“From wildly frenetic observation and reflective narrative to faintly macabre revelations” (Folkworks)

BEST ALBUM - Spiral Earth (Readers Poll)

BEST LIVE ACT - Spiral Earth (Readers Poll) + Hancock Awards BEST LIVE ACT - Green Gathering