

The Ceili Family

The Ceili Family is on tour-a-loo since 1996. Played small Pubs and Dive bars as well as well-known Open Air-Festivals...especially all over Germany! The band crossovers a lot. Irish Folk Festivals, Village Fairs or other occasions. Meets purist legends like the Dubliners, infamous Shane MacGowan or harlequins like German artist „Honigdieb“ and loads of great blokes of the Irish Folk (Punk) scene: Mr Irish Bastard, Celtica, Lady Godiva, Jamie Clarke's Perfect, Paul McKenna Band, The Porters, Kings and Boozers, The O'Reillys and the Paddyhats, The Shanes, Across the Border, In search of the rose and many more.

Size does not matter when it come to audiences. The Ceili Family does not care if they're playing in front of a festival crowd of 2000 people or merely 50 drunks in a smokey Pub. The band is always playing their hearts out. Presenting their own songs. And classics like „Whiskey in the jar“ or „Dirty Old Town“ from time to time as well as trash-talking breaking out in laughter...

The Ceili Family celebrates every concert as if it was the last. Or their first...

And they have royal friends! On Tory Island! There's not a single tree there... There's not even a rat... But there is...a King!! Patsy Dan on duty. Welcoming everyone who comes to Tory Island. And wishing a fond farewell when Tory Ferry leaves again. And there's always a session going on. And many a song to be sung in Tory's Hotel bar...

Check out The Ceili Family's latest CD! Nine songs written by themselves. After playing the music of Christy Moore, the Dubliners and the Pogues on „Don't eat yellow snow!“. And after having one original Ceili Family tune on „tooraloo“. „Fall Face First“, a story taken from Shane MacGowan's autobiography, got a great reception. The guy drinking 27 Gins and 7 pints of Stout leaving the Pub with applause...and falling face first on the floor outside the Pub. Reviewers like „Shite'n'Onions“ told the Ceili Family to have more Ceili songs and less cover versions. No problem. „Pure Ceili“ on „TORY KINGS“.

„Tory Kings“ is Irish-inspired, contemporary music. No messing around. Handmade Irish Entertainment Folk'n'Roll with no frills! „You cannot tell a good story, without a pack of lies“, Ronnie Drew once said in a TV show. The Ceili Family tells many a story. About the mutineers ending up in a bay with no Ladies at all. About devious Courtesans. Elation and devastation. Songs that make you happy, thoughtful and often thirsty.

Pogues-Gitarrist Philip Chevron wrote about „Tory Kings“:

„Enjoyed listening to the CD, by the way. Always good to see people doing something of their own with the basic idea we invented!“

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