



The Quireboys

Halfpenny Dancer

New Studio Album
Released
Monday 29th March 2010

LIVE ACOUSTIC SHOWS

6th March – Frazer Theatre, Knaresborough
25th March – The Musician, Leicester
26th March – 12 Bar, Swindon
19th April – The Stables, Wavendon nr Milton Keynes
21st April – O₂ Academy 2 Newcastle
23rd April – Jazz Café, London
25th April – Óran Mór, Glasgow
26th April – O₂ Academy 2 Bristol
29th April – O₂ Academy 2 Oxford

Britain's favourite rock 'n' roll band release new acoustic album and
announce intimate live shows

2009 saw **The Quireboys**, everyone's favourite lovable rogues, play 103 shows in 16 countries in support of the 20th anniversary of their debut album "**A Bit Of What You Fancy**".

You might expect them to be taking time off in 2010 – not a chance - instead, March sees **The Quireboys** deliver their long threatened, much anticipated acoustic album "**Halfpenny Dancer**", already described by Classic Rock magazine as "**an instant classic**".

Led by **Spike Gray**, one of rock's most recognisable frontmen, **The Quireboys** take a detour into Americana and Country. Featuring **re-workings of Quireboys classics**, "**There She Goes Again**", "**Mona Lisa Smiled**" – recently voted amongst the songs of the decade by Classic Rock magazine - overlooked fan favourites, "**King Of New York**", "**Pretty Girls**" and an



eclectic choice of covers, Jim Reeves “**He’ll Have To Go**”, Leo Sayer’s “**Can’t Stop Loving You**” and a stripped down version of UFO’s anthem “**Love To Love**”, a nod of the hat by Spike to UFO frontman and early **Quireboys** manager, Phil Mogg.

As on the album, live, the band are augmented, by dobro, mandolin, lap steel and fiddle. Choosing to eschew the more traditional rock venues, they play some very special intimate shows throughout March and April, including London’s famous **Jazz Café**.

If you thought **The Quireboys**, were all sex ‘n’ drugs ‘n’ rock ‘n’ roll, be prepared to think again, but to be safe, still leave your daughters at home!

The current line-up includes original front man Spike Gray & guitarist Guy Griffin together with Paul Guerin (guitar), Keith Weir (keyboards), Phil Martini (drums) & Damon Williams (bass).

Halfpenny Dancer Tracklisting

1. There She Goes Again
2. Devil Of a Man
3. Love To Love
4. Mona Lisa Smiled
5. Halfpenny Dancer
6. I Can’t Stop Loving You
7. Roses & Rings
8. Baby It’s You
9. Hello
10. Pretty Girls
11. He’ll Have To Go
12. Long Time Comin’
13. Have A Drink With Me
14. Hates To Please
15. King Of New York

Acoustic Tour Dates:

Saturday 6th March – The Stone House, Knaresborough

Address: Market Square, Knaresborough

Ticket price: £18

Doors: 7:00pm

Booking website: www.kula-productions.com

Thursday 25th March – The Musician, Leicester

Address: Clyde Street, Leicester

Ticket price: £15

Doors: 8:00pm

Venue website: www.themusicianpub.co.uk



Friday 26th March – 12 Bar, Swindon

Address: 179 Westcott Place, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 5HT

Ticket price: £15

Doors: 8:00pm

Venue website: www.the12barswindon.com

Tel: 01793 535 713

Monday 19th April – The Stables, Wavendon nr Milton Keynes

Address: Stockwell Lane, Wavendon, Milton Keynes MK17 8LU

Ticket price: tbc

Doors: tbc

Venue website: www.stables.org

Tel: 01908 280 800

Wednesday 21st April – O₂ Academy 2 Newcastle

Address: Westgate Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 1SW

Ticket price: tbc

Doors: tbc

Venue website: www.o2academynewcastle.co.uk

Tel: 0191 260 2020

Friday 23rd April – Jazz Café, London

Address: 5 Parkway, Camden Town, London NW1 7PG

Ticket price: £16

Doors: 7:00pm

Venue website: www.jazzcafe.co.uk

Sunday 25th April - Òran Mór, Glasgow

731 Great Western Road, Glasgow, G12 8QX

Ticket price: tbc

Doors: tbc

Venue website: www.oran-mor.co.uk

Tel: 0141 357 6200

Monday 26th April – O₂ Academy 2 Bristol

Frogmore Street, Bristol, BS1 5NA

Ticket price: tbc

Doors: tbc

Venue website: www.o2academybristol.co.uk

Tel: 0117 927 9227

Thursday 29th April – O₂ Academy 2 Oxford

190 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UE

Ticket price: tbc

Doors: tbc

Venue website: www.o2academyoxford.co.uk

Tel: 01865 813 500



Further Information

The band started in 1986 but really emerged as **The Quireboys** in 1989.

Their first album '**A BIT OF WHAT YOU FANCY**' was released in 1989 and went into the charts at No 2. It Sold 200,000 copies in the UK alone and over **a million copies worldwide**, going Platinum in Canada & Japan. Six of their singles reached the top forty including **Hey You** (NO 12) and the band performed on Top Of The Pops twice.

Sharon Osborne managed the band from 1989 to 1993 and much of the period between 1989 & 1991 was spent recording and touring. They supported the likes of **The Rolling Stones** (Urban Jungle Tour) Aerosmith, Guns and Roses, Bon Jovi, David Bowie.

The band released their second album in **BITTER SWEET & TWISTED** in 1993 but Grunge had arrived and the album didn't do well and the band decided to split.

Lead singer **Spike** went on to form '**God's Hotel**' and recorded two solo albums. Staying on in the States, guitarist, **Guy Griffin** also went on to form his own band '**Glimmer**' recording one album on the Atlantic label.

In 2001 **Spike** and **Guy** secured a deal with Sanctuary records and released '**THIS IS ROCK 'N' ROLL**'.

Since then they have toured with **Alice Cooper** (Monsters OF Rock) David Lee Roth, UFO & David Coverdale. Mostly, though, they have **toured on their own** playing in Canada, New York, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Bulgaria and, of course, the UK.

The majority of 2007 was spent in the Studio recoding the album '**HOMEWRECKERS & HEARTBREAKERS**' but they still found time to play live in Milan, Denmark, Sweden and Norway and the UK. They also released a live DVD of the Mean Fiddler show called '**ONE MORE FOR THE ROAD**'.

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2010 is going to be another very busy year for the boys. They are back on the road from February 27th onwards and they release volume 1 of their acoustic album '**HALFPENNY DANCER**' in the UK, on **Jerkin Crocus, on 29th March**.

Essential Weblinks:

The Quireboys Official site: <http://www.quireboys.com/>
The Quireboys Myspace: <http://www.myspace.com/thequireboys>

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