



Since 2003, Welsh Folk-fusion band One String Loose have been exciting audiences around the UK and Europe with their complex, dynamic arrangements of traditional and self penned tunes, performed with jaw-dropping virtuosity and infectious joie de vivre. Their innovative style of folk – fusion has been captivating all manner of people: fellow musicians, casual listeners, purists, grandmothers, teenagers and gyrating hippies.

One String Loose have always recognised that their style of music is deeply rooted in dance, and have sought to contemporise it with grooving rhythmic patterns from the bass and drums, intricate accompaniment from the guitar and foot stomping melodies from the fiddle and whistle. As a consequence, a gig that doesn't get at least a substantial part of their audience up and shaking has now become a rarity.

Front man, fiddler and banjo renaissance man Scott has a natural, self-deprecating humour which creates that relaxed, inclusive atmosphere that is the hallmark of any really great live band, and the craic between Scott McKeon and fellow band mates Joe Brady, Jack Stewart, Baz Barwick and Mike Griffiths draw the audience further into the weird and wonderful world of One String Loose.

The year 2008 has been exceptional for One String Loose, seeing them reach the finals of the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards, followed with a polished performance at the highly prestigious Glastonbury Festival on the Avalon Stage, and international performances in Poland and France. More recently the band have been recording their second studio album "KUMQUAT" and following its release in 2009, they hope to see a year in which they further make their mark upon the wider circuit of their genre.



### **UK GIGS INCLUDE:**

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL, ROYAL ALBERT HALL, GWYL PONTARDAWE FESTIVAL, WYCHWOOD FESTIVAL, TWO RIVERS FOLK FESTIVAL, CHIPPENHAM FOLK FESTIVAL, WORKHOUSE FESTIVAL, SAUL FOLK ON THE WATER, CWLWM CELTAIDD -THE CELTIC FESTIVAL OF WALES, SHEPLEY SPRING FESTIVAL, SWANAGE FOLK FESTIVAL, THE BIG CHEESE FESTIVAL, DEVIL'S BRIDGE.

### **INTERNATIONAL GIGS INCLUDE:**

CELTICA COURMAYEUR (Val D'Aosta, Italy), ZAMEK FESTIVAL (Bedzin, Poland), TARVISIUM CELTICA (Treviso Venice, Italy), FESTIVAL INTERCELTIQUE DE LORIENT (Lorient, France)

### **Instrumentation**

Scott McKeon – Fiddle, Banjo – *lives in Caldicot, South Wales*  
Joe Brady – Whistles – *lives in Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset*  
Jack Stewart – Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar – *lives in Caldicot, South Wales*  
Baz Barwick – Bass Guitar – *lives in Caldicot, South Wales*  
Mikey Griffiths – Drum Kit, Percussion – *lives in Caldicot, South Wales*

### **Discography**

Kumquat (2009)  
Makin' Monkeys Funky (2006)  
One String Loose EP (2005)

### **Websites**

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*“One of the finest young bands I have ever come across. Full of energy, inventiveness, fun and above all, talent.”*

**-Frank Hennessy, BBC Radio Wales**

*“Really talented...if you get the chance, you should go and hear them”*

**-Dave Pegg, Fairport Convention**

*“They are all top-class players and performers, but collectively they become something special, something rare”*

**-Ruth Exell-Stevenson, Gwyl Pontardawe Artistic Director**

*“Perfect band for finishing a night off with a boogie”*

**-Rachel Dalton, Taurus Crafts Fringe Festival Organiser**

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