

MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO

Press Release for *The Night Out*,
the debut album from Hampshire based 4-piece, *Monkey See Monkey Do*
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ABOUT THE ALBUM

Monkey See Monkey Do announced the release of their debut album, *The Night Out*, in January 2019. *The Night Out* is currently available from major digital retailers including Bandcamp, iTunes and Spotify. It is also available from the band's website: thatmonkeyband.co.uk

Following the success of 2019, *Monkey See Monkey Do* now present *The Night Out* to a wider audience, coinciding with the video and single release of acclaimed album track *Alexander the Great*. This song tells the tale of a ruthless pirate's misadventure brought about by 'the perils of being bored', and perfectly captures the upbeat character of the album.

The Night Out breathes fresh life into a wide range of songs and tunes, firmly rooted in English and Irish folk traditions. Audiences are immersed in the miners' struggles of 1960s England (*Pound a Week Rise*, Ed Pickford), press-ganged aboard pirate ships (*Alexander the Great*, Aaron Horlock) and swept away by an original set of dance tunes, inspired by a heavy night of festivities (*The Night Out & The Hangover*, Sam Horlock). Continuing the pirate theme, the cryptically named final track brings new vigour and a modern feel to well-loved traditional songs, including *The Drunken Sailor*, *Johnny No Legs* and *Drowsy Maggie*. Revelling in traditional folk music, from Appalachian tunes to contemporary reels, the band showcase their connection with the living folk dance and song traditions of today.

ABOUT THE BAND

Monkey See Monkey Do met in Southampton's bustling folk scene, where Aaron and Sam grew up and Helen and Matt didn't. After many well-spent evenings at folk music sessions in Hampshire pubs, the current line-up came together in the summer of 2015. Combining vocals with fiddle, guitar, bodhrán, clarinet and the occasional squeeze of melodeon, *Monkey See Monkey Do* take traditional and modern material and make it their own, coining the term 'folk-ish' to describe their upbeat sound.

"Engaging, entertaining and musically accomplished!"
Folklights

"Just a fantastic young folk band with a great mix of tunes and superb stage presence!"
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