

MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO

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THE NIGHT OUT: DEBUT ALBUM FROM HAMPSHIRE BASED 4-PIECE, MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO
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Monkey See Monkey Do announce the release of their debut album, *The Night Out* in January 2019. *The Night Out* is being distributed by major digital retailers including Bandcamp, iTunes and Spotify. It is also available from the band's website: www.thatmonkeyband.co.uk

The album takes the listener on a journey from the struggle of the miners in 1960s England (Pound a Week Rise, Ed Pickford), to rousing songs set aboard pirate ships (Alexander the Great, Aaron Horlock) and even an original tune set inspired by a heavy night of festivities, from which the album takes its name (*The Night Out* and *The Hangover*, Sam Horlock). Continuing the pirate theme, the cryptically named final track brings new energy and a modern feel to well-loved traditional songs, including *The Drunken Sailor*, *Johnny No Legs* and *Drowsy Maggie*. Presenting traditional folk tunes and songs in a fresh way for modern audiences, from Appalachian dance tunes to modern reels, the band showcases their connection with the living folk dance traditions of today.

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, bodhran, 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, which draws on a wealth of folk traditions and influences.

The Night Out perfectly captures the band's boundless energy and infectious stage presence which has made them a hit with audiences across the south coast of England. Since the release of *The Night Out* in January 2019, Monkey See Monkey Do embarked upon a tour including gigs at: Winchester Folk Club (Winchester), The Art House (Southampton), The Isis Farmhouse (Oxford), The Square and Compass (Worth Matravers), The Phoenix (Romsey), Romsey Beggar's Fair (Romsey), Boardwalk Beats (Brighton Marina) and The Weald & Downland Museum Summer Sessions (Chichester).

The band is now taking bookings for 2020.



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