

The QP

A fusion of genres, taste and talent in this youthful exciting 'folk-rock' band!

fRoots "heaps of rhythmic trickery, bags of oomph and crossing of ethnic styles". **R2** "splendid album which demonstrates just what a magnificent pleasure folk music can be". **The Living Tradition** "the sheer verve, energy and commitment that leaps out of the band members". **Spiral Earth** "A stunning blend of folk, jazz, funk, rock and blues", "It's folk without a safety net". **Maverick** "Great young folk group who are destined for the top".

The QP are seven talented musicians who play an exciting mixture of traditional and original numbers, ranging from acoustic songs to Klezmer influenced folk-rock; Matt Crum (Melodeon, Soprano Saxophone, Keys), Joe Crum (Drums), Will Pound (Harmonica), Laurel McIntosh (Flute), Dan Bones (Guitar), Susie Bones (Vocals, Whistle), Tim Yates (Bass).

In December 2008 they released their debut CD "Intro", and it won the Spiral Earth Awards 2010 "best debut" category. The CD was a project that the band undertook themselves; writing a number of the tunes; recording, engineering, mastering; designing and producing the album artwork. They did not use any outside professional resources (sound studio, engineers, graphic designers), except for the final CD manufacturing.

The QP were formed in 2006 when Warwick Folk Festival Director Dick Dixon heard Will playing harmonica and suggested he put a band together. The band was originally called "The Quarter Pounders" and the 2006 festival was a great success. They agreed that it would be a shame to leave it as a one-off, and played a few more impromptu gigs during 2006 and 2007, all of which were great fun. In 2008, they decided to try for a few more festival bookings, and changed their name to the The QP (which sounds a little healthier). A fantastic season followed with some truly memorable moments, and they now look forward to what the future has in store for them.

Definitely a must-see, must-hear band. Forget the "X-Factor", try the "QP-Factor". This band rocks!