## The Rumjacks <u>www.therumjacks.com</u> Biography

2018 has been a monumental year for The Rumjacks.

The celtic, folk, punk rock band was celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

They also have a new album – Saints Preserve Us!

The 12-track album is a blistering ball of wild energy that sees the band in peak performance, showing a level of musicianship and songwriting that only 10 years of endless touring and playing together can bring.

'Saints Preserve Us' is the bands 4<sup>th</sup>album release, a quick follow up to the 2016 acclaimed album 'Sleepin' Rough'. Previous albums include Sober & Godless from 2015, and Gangs of New Holland in 2010. 'An Irish Pub Song' was a breakthrough song for the band off their debut album (Gangs of New Holland) and has racked up over 45 MILLION views on YouTube alone! All done independently and proud.

The album was recorded at Crono Sound Factory in Milan, Italy and was produced by singer and main songwriter Frankie McLaughlin. It features special guests Paul McKenzie (The Real McKenzie), and Mickey Rickshaw.

First track from the album is the title song, and a brand video clip is available now. The band filmed the video at an old airplane hanger at the Ulster Aviation Society in Northern Ireland.

Frankie describes the song like this:

"The song is a great big sweep at how stupid we're becoming, and my very real fear of what would happen if we were put to some kind of survival test...say if the big magical internet broke down & all the lights went out. It's terrifying to contemplate! Myself and many of my friends are lucky enough to have been taught well by our Parents & Grandparents before them, a whole wealth of life skills & knowledge. I don't see that happening today with each passing generation."

Since the bands inception in Sydney, Australia in late 2008 when singer and main songwriter Frankie McLaughlin met Bassist Johnny McKelvey, the band has gone on to tour endlessly to countless countries all over the world, playing multiple sold-out shows throughout Europe, performing to 400,000 people on the main stage at Woodstock Festival in Poland, tour coast-to-coast through the USA, even into countries such as Russia and the Ukriane, and they have shared stages with some of the best punk rock bands in the world.

Now in 2019 they continue to their 10 years live anniversary tour on the back of the relase of their 4<sup>th</sup> album 'Saints Preserve Us' showing their heavy Celtic roots to the driving punk rock or even ska/reggae rhythms, well-oiled sing-alongs & choking ballads.

Booked to the 2019 heavyweight festival of Groezrock, Wacken, Hell Fest, Sjock Rock, Irish Folk Open Air, Tollrock, Mission Ready, De Zwarte Cross, Paddy Wagon and many more festivals and clubs shows all over the european map, you should not miss to see The Rumjacks taking your soul and heart away, by dancing to their tales of Love & Loss and the Irish and Scotish Sea !!!

## <u>The Rumjacks – fast facts & links</u>

Link to footage of 'Fistful O' Roses' live at Woodstock festival 2016, Poland <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp2jnoouAN0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp2jnoouAN0</a>

The Rumjacks are signed to ABC Music / Four Four

An Irish Pub Song has generated 51 MILLION and counting views on YouTube. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDTQQWSmo8s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDTQQWSmo8s</a>

Their You Tube channel is 144.700 suscribers strong <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/therumjacks">https://www.youtube.com/user/therumjacks</a>

The just did a serious of acoustic vidoes recorded in the You Tube Space Studis in London as a thank you for their fantasic fan base on this media

The Rumjacks are the #4 Australian band streamed on Spotify outside of Australia. <a href="https://open.spotify.com/artist/0w2KUuMj7dvP8dV4tzoltd">https://open.spotify.com/artist/0w2KUuMj7dvP8dV4tzoltd</a>

102.350 likes on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheRumjacks">https://www.facebook.com/TheRumjacks</a>

14.500 followers on Instagram <a href="https://www.instagram.com/therumjacks">https://www.instagram.com/therumjacks</a>

The years 2016 till 2018 and now already well into 2019 saw the band undertake a massive tours of Europe, playing over 200 shows in countries including:Germany, Spain, Italy, France, UK, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, The Netherlands, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, Czech Republic, and more. This included an acclaimed set at Woodstock Festival, Poland, attended by over 400,000 people, Exit Festival, Lowlands, Open Flair, Boomtown Fair ect ect ect........
Their own club shows sell out the tickets with an ever growing demand.