



The New Roxette

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Meets Skasouls UK

Hi Guys, thank you for taking time out to chat to **The New Roxette**.

Please can you sum up in a few words who are Skasouls UK?

We are Skasouls UK, a Ska band from Aylesbury/Princes Risborough gaining a reputation for highly rhythmic ska and two-tone over an increasingly wide part of the south of England. The band features a terrific brass section which underpins the authenticity of our sound, and vocal harmonies to die for!!

Please tell our readers what your band have been up to recently?

Other than a very busy tour schedule (we have over 40 gigs in the diary already for 2012), we have been busy recording tracks for our upcoming album. As yet unnamed, but it will contain some popular ska and two-tone covers together with the band's own recently penned original material.

What have you got planned for the rest of the year (e.g. 2012/2013)?

Plenty of festivals coming up in the Summer including RizFesT in June, the Wycombe Motorcycle Action Group charity festival near to Princes Risborough in July and of course the Aylesbury Festival on 21st July. Other than that we will be putting the finishing touches to our album, then it's on to world domination.

You are performing at The Aylesbury Festival Weekender this summer, how do you feel about being invited to take part in this fantastic free annual event, and what can the audience expect from your set if they've not seen/heard of you before?

Terrific to be given the opportunity to play an open air festival to the good people of Aylesbury. We already have an amazing following in the town, but we are really hoping to reach out to people who have not heard the band yet. With any luck we should have put the new Skasouls UK original tracks together for the event...we are hoping you can all say you heard them at the Aylesbury Festival Weekender first.

Why is the trombone such a brilliant instrument, especially for Ska?

To be quite honest, and I know our trombonist Dave won't forgive me for saying this, but the trombone is capable of producing the most filthily sexy sounds of any instrument you will ever hear. Suits ska to a tee!!!

What has been your most memorable/embarrassing band/live moment so far?

Memorable - Playing Thame festival and the 1000+ strong crowd giving the MC a hard time because he wouldn't allow the band to do an encore... the crowd won!! Most embarrassing time... a private birthday gig up near Daventry in a massive hall where the chap running the party had invited about 30 people in a hall that had a capacity of 500+. You could almost see the tumbleweed.

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Please tell us something EXCLUSIVE, SECRET and/or of INTEREST about your band, which you don't normally get to talk about in an interview!?

Despite the band consisting of a West Ham supporter, A Man Utd supporter, an Arsenal supporter, 3 Chelsea supporters and a wife and several kids supporter, we all get along famously!!!

When you're not performing live yourself, do you actually get much time to see other bands or artists perform? If so, (besides yourselves), is there anyone you can recommend our readers should also check out?

Zealey and Moore are a must. John's song writing is phenomenal and Ian's guitar breathtaking. Abakus and The Observers both brilliant local bands. The Skasouls UK lads have a wide range of tastes in music. As far as Ska is concerned, we all love The Selector and The Specials, outside that genre, personally (Mart - keyboards) I am totally in love with Muse, but also Biffy Clyro, Elbow and Rage Against The Machine.

Do you have any celebrity friends/fans?

Mike Bushell, noted Sports Presenter on national TV for the BBC, is a big fan of the band and when he's not broadcasting he gets to see us as much as possible...which is great because he a brahmingly good bloke.

Thanks so much for chatting to us today, we look forward to catching up again at the Aylesbury Festival Weekender, if not before...

And finally, what is the best website address for your band, so our readers can join your mailing list etc?

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