

BAMBOOZLE

Biography

Dynamic. Different. Unique.

Known for their world class musicianship and high energy performances, Bamboozle seamlessly combine the vibe of the swinging 1950's with the sounds of today, in a way that mesmerises both retro loving and modern audiences.

The band combines internationally renowned singer/guitarist/songwriter Jim Knowler (The Keytones, Gotz Alsmann), injecting his exciting and instantly recognisable guitar riffs, with new face on the scene, singer/bassist/songwriter Serena Sykes, lighting up the stage with her dynamic performances, electric vocal and daring double bass stunts, backed by the slick, thrumming grooves of drummer/vocalist Les Curtis (Imelda May, Darrell Higham, Wanda Jackson).

Their debut EP featured two original songs by Knowler, which quickly became popular tunes in the bands set, and soon after, Sykes also began writing, debuting her song-writing career with the well-received, 'Daddy's Girl', soon followed by Sykes' Halloween release, Heebie Jeebies and their latest single, Knowler's "The Lowdown".

The band headlined at Summer Jambouree (IT), Vintage Nostalgia (UK) and Midsummer Jamboree (FI) in 2018, and Twinwood Festival (UK), Vintage Nostalgia (UK), Chicken Stock Festival (UK), V8 Brothers Festival (BE) and completed a successful tour of Germany in 2019. They have already secured a number of headline 2020/21 dates.

They are currently managed, by band leader Serena Sykes, and are self-releasing their debut album, in conjunction with David Landau at Right Recordings.

Bamboozle was originally founded by Knowler and Sykes, as a project following the break-up of The Keytones. The group got its name from a football report, when Jim, (an avid Arsenal supporter), read that one player Bamboozled the opposition with a stylish move.

Prior to the recording of Bamboozle's 2016 debut EP Red Right Hand, pedal steel guitarist Dave Kirk (steel/vocals), formerly of The Ian Highland band and drummer Shaun o'Keeffe (drums/vocals), formerly of The Keytones both joined to complete the original line-up.

The band initially performed in Kent, UK but quickly expanded to performing throughout the UK and Europe. O'Keefee left the band in early 2017, to be replaced by Curtis and Kirk left in 2018, leaving the Bamboozle as a strong three-piece outfit, and leading them to the harder edged sound audiences enjoy today. They are often joined by Keith Wilkinson, (Squeeze, The Jar Family), on Guitar/Bass/Vocals on occasion for live performances, and Wilkinson has recorded on the upcoming debut album, on a number of tracks, appearing as a featured artist on Knowler's track, "The Lowdown".

Bamboozle are known for their exiting, upbeat music and Sykes' double bass stunts during performances.