

Scallywag "Entschuldiger"

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First of all, let me say that these six "red haired and sober" lads look extremely gorgeous and resplendent in their black suits, and not at all like the scallywags they claim to be. Nice press photo, guys! J At present, the line-up consists of Stefan Beer (electric guitar, acoustic guitar, mandolin, vocals), Patrick Rehm (accordion, vocals), Thomas Wirthensohn (acoustic guitar, trumpet, vocals), Michael Moosbrugger (violin), Christian Manser (drums, vocals), Florian Waldner (bass). With a nod to The Pogues, The Whisky Priests (with whom the band have toured), and closer to home, bands such as Fiddler's Green and The Shanes, these six lads spin out a collection of folk-festival friendly tunes. What is so great about Scallywag, however, is not their studio albums, but the various other projects that they have been, and are, involved in, such as Jazz Seminars in Dornbirn for the theatre project, "The Wall", soundtrack projects for films and folk festivals in their local Bregenzerwald area.

"Entschuldiger" the album itself is definitely a promising album, ending on a rousing Pogueian note ("Barrels of Beer", track 12), although I'd like to see more instrumental pieces, which I think would show off the lads' musical proficiency. I'd also love to see these guys perform live sometime. If you'd like to too, check out their website- www.scallywag.at - for more information on tour dates, projects, music downloads, etc.

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