

The Knights of Mentis
New Pound Coin Debut LP
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"Highlight of Cornbury Festival"
Steve Lamacq Show, BBC6 Music

"The Knights of Mentis have produced a fine debut... plays all sorts of tricks with the possibilities of this acoustic line-up" **Americana UK**

"Packed to the gills with energy...an exciting and dynamic album"
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Having grown from the fertile grounds of Oxford's live folk music scene **The Knights of Mentis'** released their first full-length album *New Pound Coin* in winter 2013.

Over the last two years the band have been a firm favourite throughout the festival circuit, playing triumphant sets at **Green Man, Wilderness (Folk Guild Stage), Truck** and have been chosen by **BBC 6 Music's Steve Lamacq Show** as a *"highlight of Cornbury Festival"* where they performed 4 sets including a slot for **Bob Harris's** WBBC filmed session.

The acoustic nine-piece have refined their style and songs as much on the stage as in late night jams and open sessions, often inviting other acts to sit in with them. One rare 3am unscheduled opportunity at Cornbury last year saw **The Knights** and several members of **Squeeze** jiggling along into the small hours.

Their enthusiasm for performance is reflected in their recordings, choosing to record much of the album live in the studio in order to capture the energy and dynamism of their live show. *New Pound Coin* was co-produced by the band with Oxford music legend **Nick Moorbath** at **Evolution Studios**.

The virtuoso line up delivers a distinct and flavoursome brew of Americana, country, folk, and roots music, taking inspiration from artists such as **Gillian Welch, Old Crow Medicine Show** and **The Band**; however you can also hear influences from great British bands such as **Pink Floyd** and **Led Zeppelin**.

Peter Graham, Jed Dale and **Keith Birnie's** vocals deliver homespun lyrics inspired by *"things we've felt and seen, places and people we know"*, in rich three-part harmonies.

The Knights of Mentis have received airplay from **BBC Radio Oxford Introducing, Roots & Fusion** on **Pure FM, FolkRise** and multiple Americana shows in the UK and US, as well as critical praise from the likes of **Americana UK, Nightshift Magazine, fRoots** and **Fatea Records**.

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