

Matching Ties - Press Text / Info.

Matching Ties is an Irish, English and Scottish folk group with members from Ireland, U.S.A., England, and Germany based in southeastern Germany. The name and the matching neck ties they wear on stage are symbolic of the ties between these musicians of different nationalities, united in their international Irish, Scottish, English and American-Celtic repertoire. They perform as a duo with founding members American Paul Stowe (guitar and vocals) and Englishman Trevor Morriss (guitar, mandolin, Irish bouzouki and vocals). Trio to quintet line-ups draw from a pool of the best Germany based Irish-Celtic musicians: German fiddlers Sepp Zauner or Sebastian Dorn, Irishman and folk veteran Dermot Hyde on uilleann pipes (Irish bagpipes) and whistles, Dennis Bower from Belfast on Irish flute and uilleann pipes or Konrad Stock from Munich on bodhrán, tin and low whistle and Scottish bagpipes. Among the best multi-instrumentalists in the European folk scene, they are also excellent singers and seasoned entertainers. Since 1986 they have performed over 3000 times at every imaginable acoustic and folk music event and venue throughout Europe and in the U.S.A. In addition to their concerts, they present Irish folk nights in which they accompany prize winning, young Irish dancers. Matching Ties has released 5 CDs and a DVD. With the right mix between their accomplished performance, witty tales, black humor and spontaneous sketches, they find the right balance between conveying the beauty and complexity of their music while maintaining a fun factor.

Matching Ties line-ups

Duo:

Paul Stowe (USA) - acoustic guitar, mouth harp, mandolin, octave mandolin and vocals

Trevor Morriss (London, UK) - mandolin, Irish bouzouki, acoustic guitar, and vocals

TRIO: Duo + Sepp Zauner or Sebastian Dorn (Germany) – violin (fiddle)

QUARTET & QUINTET = Trio plus:

Dennis Bower from Belfast on Irish flute and uilleann pipes
and/or

Dermot Hyde (Ireland) tin e low whistles, uilleann pipes (Irish bagpipes)
and/or

Konrad Stock (Munich, Germany) bodhrán, Scottish Highland bagpipes, tin e low whistles

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