

The Drowsy Lads

The Drowsy Lads thundered onto the Irish music scene in the US over 15 years ago and their fire and comradery has won over both casual music-lovers and those steeped in hardcore Trad. 2018 brought the release of their 4th album, *Everyone In*, and the distinction of “Best Irish American Band of 2018”. With an undeniable genuineness that flows from their live performances, the future continues to look bright for these Lads.

Boasting 5 multi-instrumentalists, Ohio brothers John and Daniel McKewen, father and son Phil and Josh Franck, and lifelong friend Bryan Brookes bring to the stage a concoction of “we dare you to hold still” Irish dance tunes and songs that have packed festivals, theaters, pubs, and halls everywhere they’ve played.

Reviews

“...The Best Irish American Band of 2018. I was lucky to see the Lads a couple times this year and, along with their excellent cd, they put on one hell of a live performance. The five Lads... possess lots of musical talent, great voices, enjoyable stage presence and some of the best beards in Irish music. **They get the crowd on their feet and deliver a good time, every time.** They have recorded several excellent cds but their new one is, by far, their best and has pride of place in my play pile.”

-Jack Baker - Irish American News

“The guys are SMOKIN!”

- Bill Margeson - LiveIreland

“With all fingers on the pulse of the raw soul of Irish traditional music The Drowsy Lads will leave you kicking and screaming for more... the spirit of Irish Music in the Mid West.”

-Mick Broderick (SLIDE)

"The Drowsy Lads have taken their youthful exuberance, and faithful dedication to the music, to develop a sound that is energetic and tight. Clearly one of the top Celtic bands in Central Ohio now, destined to be one of the best we've ever seen!"

-Pat Byrne (Byrne's Pub)

“I've been watching these lads for quite a few years now, and have been thrilled at their playing, live and recorded... and all are tight, accomplished players. What's more, they have a great time together onstage, with an irrepressible joy in the music. The audience, of course, has a great time too. It's great to know that this kind of excellence springs from the American heartland. Keep your eyes on these lads.....”

-Cindy Funk (Host WYSO)

“I would like to list a bit about a tremendously talented group! Fabulous Music, Songs, and stories. This show had our audience on their feet dancing, asking when they will return..... a delightful evening of fun and quality music!”

-Maureen Kennedy (Founder - Cincinnati Irish Heritage Center)

“Your toe will be tapping and there will be a smile on your face for a long time after. Keep an eye and ear to the ground. You will be hearing a lot about these lads!”

-Maryann McTeague Keifer (Ireland Tonight)

“It's great to see these young guys work to preserve Irish traditional music while bringing their personality and humor to the stage. We know we can put them in any spot and they will draw a big crowd who will be on their feet by the end of the show.”

-Allison Leroy (Event Manager Dublin Irish Festival)

Some Places Played

Milwaukee Irish Festival (x2)
Dublin Ohio Irish Festival (x10)
Dayton Celtic Festival (x5)
Indianapolis Irish Festival (x2)
Louisville Irish Festival
Lakeside Ohio Chautauqua (x5)
Fountain Square, Cincinnati (x5)
The Murphy Theater (x3)
Cincinnati Irish Heritage Center (x2)
Cleveland's East side Irish American Club
Toledo Irish American Club
Cuyahoga Falls Irish Festival (x2)
Heidelberg College
Otterbein University
Byrne's Pub

Natalie's

Logan's Irish Pub

Granville Ohio Irish Festival

Newark Ohio Irish Festival

Milltown International Bodhran Competition