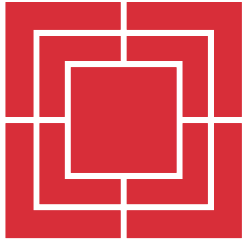


NINE MEN'S MORRIS



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New York's rock-pop trio Nine Men's Morris is due to release "It's a Wonderful Life," June 29th, 2004. The album is road trip, windows down, summer breeze music at its best. Evoking the timeless melodies of The Beatles, the catchy guitar hooks from Cheap Trick, and the witty and intelligent lyrics of Elvis Costello, the members of Nine Men's Morris reveal a lifetime of friendship and history through their first national release with Segue Records.

Lead vocalist and guitar player Bruce McDaniel was born in Boston and raised in New York by musical parents who met while attending Julliard School of Music. McDaniel, who wrote all but one of the songs on the album, is a self-described stickler for detail, with a personality somewhere between skateboarder and scientist. Both his music and tireless sense of humor are influenced by an eclectic group of artists ranging from the Beatles and Frank Zappa to Radiohead, Fountains of Wayne, Weezer, and Ben Folds Five. Before Nine Men's Morris, Bruce had an early start in NYC's underground punk scene as lead guitarist for, "The Sic F*cks."

Bass player Donald Kyle's mother is a classical pianist and describes his father as "the world's best air conductor." Born in Manhattan and raised in Westchester, Kyle spent his musical youth immersed in Sgt. Peppers and Cheap Trick. Gravitating towards bands with a guitar-driven sound, vocal harmonies, and energy in live performances, Kyle began his career as a drummer before realizing his desire to play the bass. Kyle sees himself as a "musical schizophrenic" whose true love is live performance. "Being in the studio recording this album was a great experience, but I'm really looking forward to getting out on stage where you can jump around without breaking anything."

Perry Gartner, the group's drummer, was born in Israel and raised in Mamaroneck, NY. Gartner's entire family was involved in classical music, and although he started learning violin at age five, he spent a good deal of his youth banging on an old rubber headed Indian drum to "Meet the Beatles." Jazz came next for Gartner who found influence from legendary drummer Buddy Rich. Before Nine Men's Morris, Perry played with a number of underground bands in NYC, including The A-Lines, Ocean's Eleven, and the Harpur Jazz Project. With such a diverse musical background, Gartner claims, "It's tough to say what NMM sounds like. Our influences are all over the place. Basically, I think we're most influenced by artists who try to inject real creativity into rock music, not to mention a healthy sense of humor, which is something all of our primary influences have in common" and he adds "it's something that seems to be missing from a lot of today's music."

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