

LONG VERSION

Hampshire-based Threepenny Bit are an example of how traditional dance tunes and contemporary sounds can be blended into a fresh interpretation of folk music. This dynamic eight-piece band combines a group of diehard folkies with some of the finest young jazz and classical musicians in the south. They play bold arrangements of traditional and original tunes with infectious stage energy for concerts and ceilidh dancing.

The band's diverse influences enable them to explore traditional music without restraint, and with their line-up of saxophone, clarinet, bass guitar and drums, alongside accordion, flute, violin and guitar, Threepenny Bit create an unparalleled wall of sound. Their approach has led to regular appearances across the length and breadth of the UK folk scene in recent years, always providing an "all out musical bombardment"!

2015 was a huge year for Threepenny Bit as the UK festival circuit finally caught up with the outrageous energy and musicianship from this young band. A headline slot on The Den stage at Cambridge Folk Festival was followed by a capacity crowd at Sidmouth Folk Week and a performance at Shrewsbury Folk Festival among many others. A UK tour and another brace of festival dates followed in 2016; Fine testament to their growing popularity.

SHORT VERSION

Threepenny Bit takes 8 of the finest folk, jazz and classical musicians in Hampshire and lets them loose on the world of folk dance music. They play lively arrangements of traditional and original tunes in an 'all out musical bombardment'.