

“Real Ones have long been Norway's best live band beyond comparison. Perhaps they are also Norway's best band, period.”

*– Sven Ove Bakke, Dagbladet
(Norwegian national newspaper)*

BIO – REAL ONES

Known as a fantastic live band and one of the most original bands in Norway, Real Ones continue to see smiling and dedicated audiences wherever they play: From Svalbard to Yukon to Shanghai to Mumbai to Havana to New York and to countless other places they have played!

In February 1994, while they were still in middle school, Real Ones held their first concert in their hometown Bergen, Norway. More than 29 years, 13 albums, 4 EP's, 2 Spellemenn (Norwegian Grammy Awards) and over 1000 concerts in 15 countries on 3 continents later, the 5 childhood friends are ready for new adventures.

Their latest album, the climate and nature focused “Love Your Mother”, came out in January 2023 and was extremely well-received by fans and reviewers. The band has since started working on their 14th album.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAND:

Real Ones are: David Chelsom Vogt – violin, vocals, keyboards, Ivar Chelsom Vogt – guitar, dulcimer, vocals, keyboards, Jørgen Sandvik – guitar, vocals, sitar, banjo, Øystein Skjælaen – bass, backing vocals, Kåre Opheim – drums, backing vocals.

The band was formed in 1994, starting out as a traditional folk music band. A constant search for new sounds and new ways has transformed the band into one of Norway's most unique and experimental bands within the genres of folk, pop and rock, with clear inspiration from world music and styles from all of the world.

Real Ones are five childhood friends from Bergen who have developed their musical skills and sound together. They have always been critically acclaimed and warmly received by audiences across the world. Whether in a small church in Northern Canada, in front of thousands of people in China, at a cricket club in Kolkata, at folk and jazz festivals, or at hipster clubs in London, Real Ones always has an exceptional ability to enthuse their audiences. The crowds love them for their original and unique music, but also because it reflects a number of styles and traditions, and because their live performance is stellar.

On their many tours Real Ones have played at places such as The Bowery Ballroom (New York), SXSW (Austin, Texas), World Expo (Shanghai), Congo Square (Kolkata), Dranouter Festival (Belgium), Paradiso (Amsterdam), Gent Fest (Belgium), Vancouver Folk Festival (Canada), Go North (Aberdeen, Scotland) Øya, Norwegian

Wood, Nattjazz (Norway), Blue North Music Festival (Iceland), Comox Festival (Canada), Eurosonic (Netherlands).

PRIZES/NOMINATIONS:

2015: The Bergen Prize (Natt og Dag) for best live performance (nom.)

2013: Spellemannsprisen /Norwegian Grammy Award for best pop group for the albums "Tonight Only Tonight / The Morning After".

2011: Spellemannprisen/Norwegian Grammy Award (nom.) for best pop group for the album "First Night On Earth".

2009: Spellemannpris/Norwegian Grammy Award for best pop group for the album "All For The Neighbourhood"

2007: The By:larm Award

2005: The Norwegian Songwriter's Association TONO's Edvard Prize (nom.) for best composition, "Ballad of an Old Man"

2004: The Bergen Prize (Natt og Dag) for best live band.

DISCOGRAPHY

2023 Love Your Mother

2019 LIVE (Breaking Records)

2018 Hey Future, Hey Past (Breaking Records)

2015 Misa Criolla (Breaking Records)

2013 Tonight Only Tonight (Breaking Records)

2013 The Morning After (Breaking Records)

2012 Real Ones & The Extended Family (Breaking Records)

2011 First Night On Earth (Warner Music)

2009 Ekko (Warner Music)

2008 All For The Neighbourhood (Warner Music)

2008- Outlaw 12" (Tellé)

2005- Sanger fra et hvitmalt gjerde i sjelen (KKV)- Ole Paus og Real Ones

2005- Home With The Girls In The Morning (Breaking Records)

2003- This Is Camping (New Records)

2002- Bratislava EP (New Records)

2001- Live In Studio EP (Geckords)

1999- The Garage Sessions (Geckords)

1997- Comments From The Cheap Seats (Geckords)

RADIO SINGLES:

2018 "Back On My Feet" (B-listed on NRK P1)

2017 "Hey Junior" (B-listed on NRK P13)

2012 "Ei Ørlita Stund" – Real Ones & Stein Torleif Bjella (A-listed NRK P1, 5th most played song on Norwegian radio)

2011 "Sister to All" feat. Susanne Sundfør (B-listed NRK P1)

2008 "Lonesome Town" (A-listed NRK P1, B-listed NRK P3, 4th most played song on Norwegian radio)

2008 "Every Dog Has Its Day" (A-listed NRK P1, B-listed NRK P3, 10th most played song on Norwegian radio)

2005 "Ballad of an Old Man" (B-listed NRK P3)

2003 "Bratislava" (14th place on the VG Top 20 sales list)

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