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The Hunch are a band that are hard to pin down to a particular genre, but what you definitely do get is the sound that you will instantly recognise as **The Hunch** sound, no matter what they are playing whether its Folk, Irish tunes, Americana, Pop classics, Spanish and even Jazz!

The band have known each other for many years and have always wanted to get together to throw all their influences into the mix and see what came about, and as Michael said 'I have a **Hunch** it will work!'.

The band have now expanded to a 5-piece following the addition of Cajon player Marcus Frost (who singlehandedly lowers the average age of the band significantly!) and adds another dimension to that of the original members:

Michael Doonan: founder member of the 70's folk innovators Hedgehog Pie and part of the North East dynasty – The Doonans, well known on the international folk circuit for many years. Some know him better as 'John's son, Rosie's Dad! Michael provides lead vocals and with soaring Uilleann Pipes and various flutes adds to many of **The Hunch** tracks – who knew pipes could replace the Fender Strat! As a Tenor Sax player and vocalist he was also part of the very successful soul band 'The Solicitors'.

Bob Thomas: Also a well known part of the folk circuit having great success with 'Kitsyke Will', Bob has also had successful partnerships with Michael and Jon Burge and Jed Grimes. Having a background originally from soul music he brings another dimension with his more soul and rock influenced lead vocals and harmonica along with bodhran. Bob was also for many years the vocal force behind The Solicitors with Michael and Tony.

Tony Bacon: Began performing life as an accordion player in the ceilidh band 'The Shroggs' at the age of 14 - after Michael had asked his Dad's permission! Tony also spent some time with Chris busking around the streets of York and Wakefield before taking the sensible route (some say) into university, studying music and recording. On leaving he spent some time as a sound engineer before eventually bringing the keyboards and vocals to **The Hunch** via 'The Solicitors'.

Chris Hanks: Following early years busking with Tony and playing with local blues bands, Chris has spent many a year honing his guitar skills on the road busking around Europe before settling in Spain for many years. Now back in the UK along with his Spanish influences Chris also brings with him a more jazzy inflection to **The Hunch** sound along with his vocals. Chris also continues to play with 'The Tony Foster Band'.

Marcus Frost: The new boy – brings youth, a mean cajon and a voice to make you swoon – much to the annoyance of the rest of the band he can silence an audience with his version of Snow Patrols 'Chasing Cars'! Having played with Chris in the past he was an obvious addition bringing the driving beat and other vocal influences to expand **The Hunch** repertoire.

The Hunch never fail to entertain both with their eclectic mix of original and cover versions of songs and tunes, but their on-stage humour and rapport and musical connection means you will get a night to remember!

Briefs

Long Brief

[The Hunch](#) are five musicians with different musical tastes, a wealth of experience and influences from across the world. Coming together as a band was always in the offing through their musical and personal friendship and eventually in 2017 it all came together, put all that in the mix and you get something that you can't quite put your finger on, but you know it's giving you a good feeling!

Musical creativity and crafted arrangements of well-known and original songs brings their close-knit 5-part harmonies and excellent musicianship together to bring you that '[Hunch](#)' sound. With the vocals and Uilleann Pipes of Michael Doonan taking the lead alongside Bob Thomas' soul tones and blues harmonica are Tony Bacon (Keyboards & Vocals), Chris Hanks (Guitar and Vocals) and Marcus Frost (Cajon and Vocals) keeping them in their place - and that takes some doing! - bringing powerful, assured and unique arrangements to classic folk, rock, americana, jazz and jigs and reels - the songs you know, songs you are surprised by and a mix of instrumental sets.

Their on-stage closeness, dry wit and audacious humour will pull you in and get your toes tapping hands clapping and singing along.....you will know that you have [The Hunch](#) that this is going to be good!

Short Brief

[The Hunch](#) is a five-member band formed in 2017, bringing together musicians with diverse influences and extensive experience and a humorous rapport. Their unique sound blends folk, rock, Americana, jazz, and traditional jigs and reels, featuring rich five-part harmonies and skilful instrumentation.

Led by Michael Doonan's vocals and Uilleann pipes, alongside Bob Thomas' blues harmonica, the lineup includes Tony Bacon (keyboards, vocals), Chris Hanks (guitar, vocals), and Marcus Frost (cajon, vocals).

Their dynamic performances, marked by crafted arrangements, humour, and camaraderie, create an engaging and toe-tapping experience for audiences.....you will know that you have [The Hunch](#) that this is going to be good!