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Swiss Music and Entertainment

77 Bombay Street

There are many, many family bands, but very few of them have as much in common and yet as many differences as the members of 77 Bombay Street. The sound created by the four brothers from Scharans is reminiscent of The Beatles in their early days or the Beach Boys after a night on the drink.

The combination of this sound, the inspiring mountain air, and influences from the current music scene creates the unmistakeable brand of folk rock that is the "Bombays".

All four brothers write songs, channelling their personal preferences into the band's music. This means that in this case, variety and inventiveness are not just an empty phrase, but the defining feature of this band.

"Our music is a combination of folky lightness, profound song-writing, and a healthy dose of humour," grins Matt. Matt (28), Joe (26), Esra (24), and Simri-Ramon (20) grew up in a family of nine in Basel. Ever since they were tiny, they have been making music together. Initially, they performed in nursing homes, hospitals and at private events.

Then came an event that changed their lives: in 2001, the Buchli family moved to Australia for two years, setting up home at 77 Bombay Street in Adelaide.

On their return to Switzerland, the four decided that they didn't want to live in the city any more. "We were lucky to be able to take over the old chalet that belonged to our grandparents in Scharans," says Esra. "Surrounded by the beautiful mountains of the canton of Graubünden, it was just perfect."

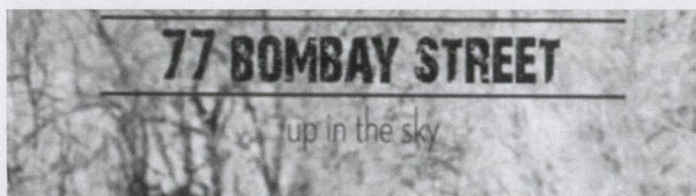
They weren't in the least bit bothered that they would have to share a bedroom. A short time later they formed a band which they named after their temporary home down under. From this point, the heart of the band beat in the chalet's cellar, where they rehearsed. Then everything happened very quickly: 77 Bombay Street began to enter band competitions, winning almost every one of them. They were then hired for some gigs and won both the Little Prix Walo and the MyCokemusic Contest in 2009.

At this stage, 77 Bombay Street is more than just an insider tip. 77 Bombay Street is all about the joy of making music, musical talent, intensity and authenticity. With the songs '47 Millionaires' and 'Long Way', they have conquered the radio waves and are getting both positive media reviews and encouraging feedback.

The band's fan community is growing steadily. 77 Bombay Street have already played over 100 live shows in their very short career. Their debut album, *Up In The Sky*, features 12 characteristic and unmistakeable folk-rock gems. There isn't a note too many, the songs are not overloaded with ideas, every word counts ... in fact, every one of the songs is straightforward, direct, and goes straight to the heart.

Piqued your curiosity? Visit their official website www.77bombaystreet.com and listen to '47 Millionaires'.

By Alexandra Jung



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