

Two men, one name: STOUT! Mario Kuzyna, old folk veteran, and Simon Scherer, bearded banjo-beast, have joined in the mission to breathe new life into irish folk reaching from the Dubliners and Clancys to modern interpreters.

Their program ranges from loud, rough pub-songs and soulfully arranged ballads to sweeping tune-sets. In this the two always manage to give both the well known as well as the less known songs their own touch and make them sound fresh and new. Or, to say it with the words of celtic-rock.de: „Stout give, through a fresh approach to each track, something new to even the tritest pub songs.“

With the instrumentation showing various combinations of two guitars, the tenor-banjo, the mandolin and the button accordion but, even more important, with their two characteristic, harmonic voices, STOUT! create a surprisingly broad sound. The result is folk music revived by the creativity and fresh ideas of the two musicians while keeping the spirit of the tradition alive. Paired with their strong stage presence, their energetic, joyful playing and plenty of humor, STOUT! are ready to take their audience by storm.

Both of them are dedicated musicians since their childhood and have gained band and stage experience long before STOUT! Nevertheless they constantly work to improve their knowledge and skills. They learned from renowned musicians from Ireland and beyond at several workshops, sessions and concerts and still do so. They first met at the irish folk and celtic music festival at the Balver Höhle. They instantly realized that they like the same songs and tunes and hence decided to join forces. Since then they steadily expand their repertoire and leave the audience thrilled at numerous gigs all around Germany.



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Mario's family gave him the love for music as his father lead him to music in his very early childhood. After self-learning the guitar, it didn't take long until he founded his first bands and discovered his fondness for irish music of the likes of the Dubliners and such. During his school exam time he already founded band number three which now fully committed itself to folk music from Ireland.

Mario enriches the STOUT!-sound with his balanced, soulful voice, his accomplished, variable guitar-playing and the melodic and rhythmical accompaniment on the button accordion.

Love for music led Simon to the folk of the green isle crabwise. His enthusiasm for music rose in his childhood and initially unfurled completely in heavy metal music. His first band in which he played electric guitar was founded in his early youth and kept together firmly for ten years. In this years, Simon constantly expanded and refined his technique and skills. He also was affected musically by his parents as they showed him irish music firsthand. He quickly fell in love with it, went to concerts and festivals and eventually chose the banjo as his „new“ instrument. But not only his banjo-, guitar- and mandoline-style reflect Simon's unusual progress through music, but also his unique singing. Paired with his open stage-presence he leaves his audience with a permanent impression.

STOUT! create a surprisingly broad sound through their versatile instrumentation and their harmonic voices. In addition to this their stage presence and a good dash of humour make an evening with STOUT! an inimitable experience.