

# Ray Peters Band

The Ray Peter's Band worked through the first half of the noughties with much success, the line-up then was Ray, Shaun Murray and Tony Ryan (on pedal steel). They disbanded after about five years because both work and personal commitments made life on the road less than easy although Ray did continue playing solo gigs on the circuit for a time but found he missed the band camaraderie.

## Shaun Murray



Shaun Murray loved Country music and, as a teenager, saved his pocket money to buy Willie, Glenn and John Denver records which he

then wore out trying to learn the guitar parts! He played the circuit for a few years with Shameless before joining up with Ray in 2000. He did maintain other projects after coming off the road with Ray but similar to Ray, he missed the circuit and the music too much.

## Phil Bennett



Being desperate to get back into it, it was just a question of finding the right line up. Shaun had met Phil Bennett a few years ago when he had

done some work with him in the classical field and as part of his long-standing barn dance band, Easy Street.

'I knew he'd be a revelation on the British Country music scene. I wasn't wrong.' It's always an asset to be able to offer something different to an audience and anyone who's seen Phil perform with us will



Shaun Murray, Ray Peters, Phil Bennett.

bear witness to that. He even dances while delivering his virtuoso fiddle solos. Brilliant, infectious and unforgettable.'

## Ray Peters



The fiddle is only part of the story. Much has been said and written about Ray's voice and with every good reason. We can assure you it's

getting even better with age. Shaun says they were thrilled when he agreed to hook up with Phil and himself and take the show out on the road again.

So what does an audience get when they spend an evening with the Ray Peters Band? Well, they'll get Country music and nothing but. They'll get old and new Country and the listeners as well as the dancers will be catered for. The ones who like familiar songs

will go home happy and so will the ones who like the not-so-often heard numbers. We do plenty of those and people seem to like us for it. They'll even hear a bit of bluegrass.

They'll hear harmony vocals and fine musicianship. Not just from Phil Bennett, the fiddler but from Shaun Murray who plays lead, spanish guitar and mandolin and from Ray Peters, holding it all together with rhythm guitar. They'll see three lads giving it their all, loving what they're doing.

'It's good to be back. We plan to stay for a long while.

'We have also started putting a few dvds on Youtube so people can see some of what we do and sound like. Just go on Youtube and put in raypeters1 and you will see us on there.

'We do plan to put more on Youtube in the near future because we recorded ourselves playing eight different songs.'

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