

Bike to The Future II – ‘Just Songs’

- **A Band Named Brian’s Carbon-Free Song Cycle**
- **11 Venues**
- **585 Miles**

Bath, UK - 24/04/2024. Following their hugely successful tour last year, folk-pop duo ‘a Band named Brian’ is this year going even further in a bid to spread the word on climate change through songs, stories, dance and laughter.

Singer-songwriter Brian Madigan doesn’t just write songs: he writes ‘just’ songs: full of passion, comment and exhortation to strive for better. Accompanied by violinist, bass player and vocalist Rob Whale, Brian weaves a narrative through stories and songs, taking his audience on a unique journey into their own conscience. The style is two-parts Billy Bragg, to one part Levellers, with a hint of Johnny Cash and perhaps a dusting of Tom Lehrer.

Last summer, the pair cycled from Bath, down to Shindig Festival near Ilminster in Somerset, then out to Pembrokeshire. Unfortunately - due to a bereavement - the tour had to be cut short mid-way, before resuming with a further Bath gig and a glorious finale at Glastonbury Festival. Highlights included a wonderful night at The Pembroke Yeoman in Haverfordwest, the revival of Trehale Farm’s amazing barn venue (supported by local talent Abbie Jebbers) and a very warm welcome at The Cellar in cardigan.

Once again, Brian will be talking with local deejay B B Skone on Pure West radio, ahead of the Pembrokeshire gigs, on Sunday 2nd June. That same date sees the pair perform at The Whitehall in Llandovery, one of the venues missed due to the sad interruption last year. Another was Cwrw in Carmarthen, where they will appear on Tuesday June 4th. Naturally, both Trehale Farm and The Cellar insisted a Band named Brian return once again, with gigs on Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th respectively.

But Brian and Rob don’t just song about change: they embody it. Both are keen cyclists and are determined to demonstrate this is a viable and enjoyable way of getting about without burning fossil fuel. The tour will cover some 585 miles and take in hefty climbs along the way. The duo will be carrying everything they need with them, instruments included, and are grateful that most venues are either providing or sponsoring overnight accommodation.

“When you travel by bike” says Brian “You really experience the journey. Going by vehicle can sometimes feel like time-travel, in that you get in a box in one space and time, then leave it at another – more or less oblivious of what lies in between.”

To catch a Band named Brian live, checkout tour dates on the web site at: www.thinkofasong.com or find them in your local event listing.

NOTE FOR EDITORS

Audience responses to the *Bike to The Future* tour 2023:

"The sustainability theme is so good, and important, and you deliver it with a really great energy!"
"Thought provoking... really enjoyed it"
"Loved the show... you and Rob make a great duo"
"What a great night... the instruction to sing to my past self atonally got me well and truly out of my comfort zone"
"What I enjoyed best was seeing how much fun you were having"
"Loved your tunes and the chat – just enough"
"Good to have a little boogie on a Wednesday evening"
"Full of integrity and aliveness"

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