

John Pilkington is a singer and guitarist who has spent his whole life making music. His one-man show draws on a vast repertoire of music, with songs ranging from Irish folk and country blues to soul and rock, from Christy Moore to Gary Moore, from Bob Dylan to Bob Marley

John Pilkington was born in Manchester, England and became immersed in the vibrant Irish trad. session scene in England and Ireland since the early '80s. Adopting the nomadic life of a travelling troubadour, singing and playing both in America and around Europe allowed John to soak up first-hand a wide range of roots music from around the world. Blending these new influences with his love of Irish music, John brought all the threads together in what became known as "Tangled Roots Music".

An album of self-penned songs, "From my Point of You", was recorded for the English label Making Waves and was enthusiastically received.

"Social conscience weaving singer-writer strands in the web of guitar styles.....more than tempting"

- Simon Jones, Folk Roots

After settling in Denmark, John continued to develop his musical vision by forming the **Atlantic Wave Band**, playing countless concerts around Scandinavia and England, and releasing the album "Serious Hits".

"An amalgam of roots styles, with an obvious Celtic flavour, carried along by Pilkington's authoritative vocal delivery."

- Sean McGhee, Rock'n'Reel

"Makes for a lot of raw feeling and bold statement..... brilliant."

- Bob Lloyd, Shire Folk

In the years 1995-2009, John returned to his trad. roots as lead singer and guitarist with Irish band Moving Cloud. After setting up his own "Tangled Roots Studio" in Århus, Denmark, John has been involved in a variety of projects as both sound engineer and producer, including all of Moving Cloud's albums. Working together with the iconic Irish producer Dónal Lunny in both Denmark and Japan, three albums were released: "Cuckanandy", "Sweet Nyaa" and "Welcome: Who are you?" Cuckanandy was nominated for for "Roots Album of the Year" at the Danish Music Awards.

In 2009, John formed a new band, Tradish, playing "Irish music and beyond", releasing two albums, and continuing to play concerts and festivals both in Denmark and around Europe.

John is currently dividing his time between Tradish and his "one-man-show".

"It's not often you see that much energy on stage – the man's a human dynamo!"

- Peter Steen, Talking Rock

Discography (available on CD)

John Pilkington - From my point of you (SPINCD 140)

Atlantic Wave Band - Serious Hits (SPINCD 156)

Moving Cloud – Cuckanandy (GO 0102)

Moving Cloud – Sweet Nyaa (GO 0105)

Moving Cloud – Welcome: Who are you? (GO 0608)

Tradish – Beyond the borders (GO 0210)

Tradish – Roots and shoots (GO 0113)

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