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Shanks Pony return to Melbourne: Perth outfit ready to get rowdy!

RENOWNED for their rowdy folk-rock, Perth's Shanks Pony gallop into Melbourne from November 19 to 21 for its second interstate tour in two years.

Distinctively Australian with colonial roots, the four-piece has been described as "an Australian version of The Pogues" with their energetic approach to their music.

Shanks Pony's return to the east follows four years of solid gigging across WA and the release of their debut eight-track album, *A Year In A Pub*.

Piano accordion player Todd Lynch said they had come a long way since settling on a firm line-up in late 2006, which also includes Peter Varcoe on lead vocals, acoustic guitar and ukulele, Anthony Bridge on drums and Haydn Pickersgill on bass.

"Our local audience in Perth, along with several interstate visitors, suggested our style and stage presence would sit well with audiences in Melbourne," he said.

"We had always planned on heading back to Melbourne for a follow up tour, but it was just a question of getting our timing right".

"Our last trip was pretty successful with all audiences thoroughly enjoying our style, so we hope to see some of them again and try out our new material at the same time".

Lynch cites Weddings Parties Anything, Flogging Molly and The Bushwackers as influences for the quartet, helping them to deliver up-tempo versions of Aussie bush tunes while breathing new life into Celtic traditionals.

"I like to think Shanks Pony re-awakens these seemingly forgotten songs while delivering a healthy dose of original material, done in a similar style," he said.

Shanks Pony play Flemington's The Quiet Man on November 19, Geelong's Irish Murphy's on November 20 and West Melbourne's The Drunken Poet on November 21.

The band also has an online presence at www.shankspony.com.au and www.myspace.com/shanksponyband.

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<http://www.shankspony.com.au/extras.asp>

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