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**MARY JANE** are a Hampshire-based band who play a highly original blend of lively acoustic & electric folk-rock with strong Celtic, Eastern & Medieval influences.

Mary Jane are: **Jo Quinn** (vocals, woodwind, fiddle), **Paul Alan Taylor** (guitars, bouzouki, banjo), **Gillie Hotston** (fiddle, vocals), **Jon Hawkes** (bass) & **Steve Barker** (drums, vocals).

Their first album **Hazy Days** received enthusiastic responses from the European Underground music press, establishing Mary Jane's reputation as "*the best thing to happen to British folk-rock in many years*". The follow-up album **The Gates of Silent Memory** and a live album **Tacit** successfully raised the band's profile & brought the music to a much wider audience. By the time of their next release **To the Prettiest One** they were being hailed as "*at the cusp of progressive & folk-rock forms, and in a league of their own technically*".



Having established a reputation for electrifying performances all over the UK, the band released their fifth album **Eve** on **Talking Elephant Records** in late 2010, followed by the double album retrospective **Brigit's Daughter** in 2011.

With the Mary Jane albums now being promoted by Talking Elephant through adverts being placed in Record Collector, Propaganda, R2 and others (alongside such bands as Fairport Convention, Wishbone Ash and The Albion Christmas Band), plus a strong representation on the Talking Elephant website <http://www.talkingelephant.co.uk>, their profile in the UK music scene continues to grow. They are now a recognised force in the British music scene.

Mary Jane's energetic stage shows have become an increasingly popular attraction at venues & festivals throughout the UK. With a sound that has been compared to a blend of All About Eve, Mostly Autumn and early Fairport Convention, but with an up-to-date uniqueness & vitality all of its own, Mary Jane are guaranteed to raise the bar for quality live performances wherever they appear!

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