

The Men They Couldn't Shave

Norwegian founders of the Home of the Nordicana

What do you get when you breed the sounds of the prairie and heartland of America with the crisp and chilly hardship of Norway? What do you do when your aim is to turn the Atlantic Ocean into a small pond so that cultures and sounds can cross it and meet and interact and breed and become cosmic music?

There are no easy answers, but the dusty musical commune called The Men They Couldn't Shave are on to something – following the guiding light of gentlemen and cowboy angels like Gram Parsons, Jason Ringenberg, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, The Band, Tom Russell and those who describe the life and times of every man and woman in this world.

The drifters in The Men They Couldn't Shave don't use big words to describe what they are about. In fact, this band is part of the counterculture aiming to bring the real deal back on track; the counterculture where the music is important. The Men They Couldn't Shave let their music speak. They don't need the Tin Pan Alley and its slaves of rhythm. The Men They Couldn't Shave are part of the Brand New Opry – the new generation of musicians following the tracks made of moonshine, and worn out boots and broken hearts and hope in spite of it all. But, by all means – these boys also know how to rock the joint.

The Men They Couldn't Shave and its independent record company bring soul to the soil and some critics say this band can bring cultures together.

This is said about the band's lyrics: The lyrics are very rich and powerful. Second, the band is drawing subjects from the resources of the American Southwest. This region is particularly valuable since it is still a frontier culture. It is also deeply multi-cultural: a place where a number of historic cultures interact and teach each other. The values of multi-culturism can potentially help to restore America to its tolerant and communal heritage, and thereby enrich other countries around the world.

The Men They Couldn't Shave are six guys following their leading star Mr. Old Henri P – a drifter and free spirit who's seen and travelled the world and the seven seas. He has put his stamp of approval on this band and what this band does.

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