

INFORMATION PACK - JOSÉ & THE AMIGOS



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Who are the amigos and where did they come from?

Band members include: José Garcia, Michael DeValle, Henry Butcher and Maurice Keft (aka Marty Rivers).

José & The Amigos is fundamentally a bluegrass band composed of experienced musicians from broad and varied backgrounds. We have music teachers, country musicians who have toured with Reg Lindsay and musicians who've played in dance bands. We have backgrounds in other genres such as Celtic, pop, rock n' roll and old time. We were brought together by the sheer love of music, playing in jam sessions and united by performing bluegrass.

With an informal start in approximately 2015, developing directly from jam sessions, the group has distilled and matured somewhat in the last couple of years to a group that regularly performs in community events and festivals. We've performed as a featured act in events such as the Newport Folk Festival, Sandford Bush Festival, FUNFEST, PAVE Festival and the City of Casey's Winter Arts Festival. We've also provided numerous workshops to different events such as the Great Alpine Pick in Beechworth, and even a couple of very successful sessions and performances at the Mountaingrass Bluegrass and Old-Time Festival in 2017 and 2018.

81 word bio

"Just a bunch of crazy hombres playing bluegrass! Led by a notorious bandito, José & The Amigos brings bluegrass and its relatives to you with a serving of spicy enchiladas. Originating from Melbourne jam sessions, the amigos are gaining popularity as a fun if somewhat cheeky group that doesn't take itself too seriously. We encourage bluegrass music and jamming wherever we go and love to see musical communities sprout and develop using the same spirit where the music came from originally - community."

More information

You can call José by phone on 0430 451 399. We also have images, biography and photographs which can be viewed and downloaded on their website and Facebook pages:

* <http://www.jose-garcia.com/jose--the-amigos.html>

* <https://www.facebook.com/joseandtheamigos>

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