

The Rockhouse Brothers Unwrap Their Holiday Album: "The Gift of Giving"

Known for their electrifying 50s and 60s rock 'n' roll flair, The Rockhouse Brothers are thrilled to present their new festive album, *The Gift of Giving*. This holiday collection wraps beloved seasonal classics in the band's signature vintage style.

Vintage Soundscape

For this album, the band allowed guitarist Joe Carnwath to sit in the producer's chair, realising his sonic vision with liberal use of 50s tape echoes and backing vocals that call to mind old gospel groups like Elvis's Jordanaires.

Joe says: "I had a very specific vision for the soundscape, and as luck would have it, my little brother Jamie had just finished building his custom-made recording studio complete with a collection of classic vintage microphones like those used by Elvis, Frank Sinatra, and The Beatles."

Album Highlights

The Rockhouse Brothers bring their trademark sense of fun to "Last Christmas," reinventing George Michael's classic with sun-soaked Beach Boys harmonies that paint a picture of a Californian surfer balancing a Christmas tree under one arm and a surfboard under the other.

On "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" their rockabilly sensibilities shine through, with slapback echo and a Gene Vincent-inspired guitar tone.

While the album is full of warmth and fun, it closes on a more reflective note. "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" carries a subtle hint of melancholy — that bittersweet feeling even the most devoted Christmas lovers sometimes experience during the year's darkest days.

A Rock'n'Roll Journey

The story of the Rockhouse Brothers begins in Hamburg in 2001. Brothers Joe Carnwath "Joey the saint" and James Carnwath "his little brother Jamie" were both making their livings as professional musicians, but Joe was touring in Scandinavia while his little brother Jamie was performing in the Buddy Holly musical in Germany together with drummer Wolff "The Wolfman" Reichert. The brothers realised that their busy schedules left them little chance to see each other — unless they found a way to share the stage, so Jamie booked some small club dates in Germany and roped in Wolff to complete the trio.

The chemistry was immediate, and so was the audience response. From those first shows, the trio quickly gained momentum. Much like the Beatles in the 1960s, The Rockhouse Brothers became fixtures on Hamburg's Reeperbahn live circuit, playing long, raucous sets that stretched into the early hours of the morning and won them a devoted following. The success snowballed and at their peak, the band were playing over 230 shows per year.

From Clubs And Bars To The TV Studio

That hectic touring schedule increased the odds that the band would eventually catch the attention of mainstream media, and sure enough, they became household names after being booked for regular appearances on Europe's largest breakfast show, Sat.1 Frühstücksfernsehen, where they were voted "the best studio band in the world." Along the way, they played together with international stars including Kim Wilde, Chris de Burgh, Chris Norman, David Garrett, and Mika. Now, the trio brings that same charisma to a holiday record steeped in nostalgic charm.

"Through the years, we all will be together, if the fates allow" — that quote from the final song on the album seems particularly relevant, as the fates have indeed allowed The Rockhouse Brothers to be together with some rock 'n' roll royalty through the years.

Joe recalls touring in Scandinavia with legendary rock 'n' roll producer Dave Edmunds. Jamie was approached by Elvis's bassist Bob Moore after a gig in Germany, where Bob described his slap technique as "the fastest I've ever seen." And Wolff had his own Christmas wish come true when Brian Blade joined him on a previous recording session to add percussion to Wolff's drums.

With this album, the band invite holiday shoppers to experience the gift of giving - the Rockhouse Brothers!

Tourtermine:

13.12.25 Buchholz Christmas
14.12.25 Hamburg Imperial
28.12.25 Kellenhusen
29.12.25 Wyk / Föhr
30.12.25 Hamburg
31.12.25 Rostock



Tracklist CD

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
Sleigh Ride
Run Rudolph Run
Blue Christmas
X-Miss Right
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
White Christmas
Jingle Bell Rock
Last Christmas
Winter Wonderland
Next Christmas Time
Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

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