

# BAMBOOZLE

## Biography



### Positive Disruption

Bamboozle was originally founded by Knowler and Sykes, as a project following the break-up of The Keytones. The group got its name from a football report, when Jim, (an avid Arsenal supporter), read that one player Bamboozled the opposition with a stylish move.

Prior to the recording of Bamboozle's 2016 debut EP Red Right Hand, pedal steel guitarist Dave Kirk (steel/vocals), formerly of The Ian Highland band and drummer Shaun o'Keefe (drums/vocals), formerly of The Keytones both joined to complete the original line-up.

The band initially performed in Kent, UK but quickly expanded to performing throughout the UK and Europe. O'Keefe left the band in early 2017, to be replaced by Les Curtis and Kirk left in 2018, leaving the Bamboozle as a strong three-piece outfit, and leading them to the harder edged sound audiences enjoy today. They have been joined by Keith Wilkinson, (Squeeze, The Jar Family), on Guitar/Bass/Vocals on occasion for live performances, and Wilkinson has recorded on their debut album, on a number of tracks, appearing as a featured artist on Knowler's track, "The Lowdown".

In 2022, Curtis left the band, to be replaced by newcomer to the scene, the stunning Jax Titmus, (vocals/drums). In 2024, Titmus left due to family commitments, with the band's success becoming a clash in her life, to be finally replaced with Mike 'The Mountain' Orvis (vocals/drums).

Known for their musicianship and high energy performances, Bamboozle take influences from the swinging 20's to 50's and combine them with today's popular music, in a way that mesmerises both retro loving and modern audiences.

The band combines singer/bassist/songwriter Serena Sykes, lighting up the stage with her dynamic performances, electric vocal and daring double bass stunts, with internationally renowned singer/guitarist/songwriter Jim Knowler (The Keytones, Gotz Alsmann), injecting his exciting and instantly



recognisable guitar riffs. The duo has worked together in various projects since 2006. The band is completed by the newest addition, Mike Orvis (aka Mike Wride) on drums and vocals. Mike's stage presence and performance is legendary, bringing a new energy and life to the band, with his rock, metal, blues, funk and jazz fusion influences. The three together make a new, infectious sound and have a chemistry rarely seen in today's music.

Their debut EP, Red Right Hand has been a great success with audiences, and the band can be seen throughout the UK and Europe and their latest EP, Bamboozled, which is a huge step forward in both style and production has enjoyed great radio support, including support from BBC Introducing.

The band have headlined at festivals such as Big Festival (UK), Silverstone Festival (UK), Formula 1 GP (UK), Chickenstock Festival (UK), Summer Jamboree (IT), Santa Pod Dragstalgia (UK), Skagen Festival (DE), Midsummer Jamboree (FI), Twinwood Festival (UK) and notable venues such as New Wimbledon Theatre, Crazy Coqs, Indra Club, Brands Hatch, The Hideaway, The 100 Club and many more. They have also completed successful tours of Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Finland and Denmark to date, with more lined up for 25/26.

Bamboozle are known for their exciting, upbeat music and Sykes' double bass stunts during performances.