

Band of Friends 31 januari 2015
De Boerderij, Zoetermeer

What began by two of the former companions of Rory Gallagher, Gerry McAvoy and Ted McKenna as a gee-great- this-Rory-music-we-should-do-something-with-it has turned out to become a band of name and fame. The Dutch guitarist Marcel Scherpenzeel plays with the band for several years now. After a first CD / DVD, which was released last year, they made a big step forward.

On January 31, 2015 Band of Friends had a gig at De Boerderij in Zoetermeer as part of their European tour. From the first note the attention of the audience is grabbed and was not released until about two hours later the last notes of the encore ringing through the room. With Gerry as director of both the band and the audience one after the other Gallagher song is launched. Building on the solid rhythm section Marcel handles the vocals and the fabulous guitar work. Well-known songs like "Bought And Sold", "Calling Card" and "A Million Miles Away" are sung along by the audience. Halfway through the show some time is devoted to play some original songs, which are on last year's CD/DVD "Too Much Is Not Enough".

The main part of the show is composed of Rory Gallagher songs, but it is clear that Marcel Scherpenzeel is no Rory clone. He plays the songs in the spirit of Rory, but clearly has its own input. What all these years clearly has not changed is the boundless energy and obvious enjoyment, with which the band plays. And it has its effect on to the public, that has witnessed an excellent performance.