

Skiff - biography

Utrechts singer Henk van der Veen (1967), stage named 'Skiff', has been writing songs over 25 years. The music style is best described as acoustic folk rock, or singer songwriter.

He took to the stage around the year 2000, and proved an unpolished performer, where it's not about the package or the cover, content matters with Skiff. So between joy and sadness, inspiration and desperation, not much is left out, while Henk's voice stands out, both in emotional depth and interpretation.

Rooted in the European mainland song tradition, his songs tend to get increasingly influenced by 'the islands'. The setlist is mostly English, but also contains some beautiful Dutch works.

Skiff performed for several national and regional radio shows. By now Skiff has reached a wider audience inside and outside the Netherlands.

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Band members / line up

Skiff plays in several line ups. Sometimes solo, sometimes as a full blown band, with occasional Ruben 'Banty Rooster' Poncia on guitar, Santana Moll on drums or cajon, Arno Hagemans or Karst van Oosten on bass and Henk singing. Basic line up is uncut / semi-acoustic, yet the band can also rock pretty loud on stages outdoor, as a part of the audience by now has experienced.

Skiff has performed more than once for both national and local radio. He has worked with some renowned colleagues among whom are Peter Sonnega (guitar), Edward Kemper (guitar), Ruben Poncia (guitar, bluesharp), Santana Moll (drums / cajon), Arno Hagemans (Bass) or Karst van Oosten (bass en/ gitar), Michiel de Haan (guitar), Sylvia Ouwens (Guitar, vocals), Stella Geerligs (vocals) Angie (vocals), Cas Rasing (bass), and many more.

Basic setting is semi-acoustic, however the songs are often also performed with the band which can sound much like a full blown rock band.

Sounds like

Sometimes compared with the Dave Matthews band

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