The Haymen – Gin Folk from Switzerland
What began as an attempt to disprove a pub owner's bold claim that a bad band name would ruin a band's chances of success evolved into a unique musical journey. Formed over ten years ago as "Buschi & Anni", The Haymen have become an integral part of the Central Swiss music scene.
The four musicians from Nidwalden describe their distinctive style as 'Gin Folk'. Their music combines Irish-inspired folk melodies with Americana and pop, not to mention a healthy dose of joie de vivre.
Characteristic of The Haymen's music are their varied instrumentation, catchy melodies and storytelling songs. Sometimes exuberant and rousing, sometimes reflective and melancholic, they move between traditional folk and contemporary songwriting. They are not afraid to cross musical boundaries and combine diverse influences.
Following Gin Folk, Pequod, and Hydraena, The Haymen present their fourth release, Kilo Lima Mike. This new EP continues their musical journey, showcasing a band that remains true to its roots while simultaneously exploring new avenues.

Kilo Lima Mike – five songs, many stories
The Haymen present their fourth release, "Kilo Lima Mike". The EP was produced by David Hoffmann at Studio im Berg. The five songs on the EP combine the band's folk roots with influences from pop and Americana. In addition to the English-language songs, 'November' is their first song in Swiss German.
The unusual title originates from the international phonetic alphabet: 'Kilo Lima Mike' stands for the letters K, L and M, which are followed by N – November – in the alphabet. This alludes to the title track of the EP. The bird on the cover also symbolically represents November.
With 'Robert Emmet', the band explores a chapter of Irish history. The other songs — "Can't Drink Too Much Whiskey", "Sing This Song" and "A Soldier's Song" — complete the musical journey. 'Kilo Lima Mike' brings together a variety of moods, stories and musical influences, all of which are united by the distinctive folk sound of the four musicians from Nidwalden.

THE HAYMEN – EP FACTS EP: KILO LIMA MIKE

Genre: Gin Folk / Indie Folk / Americana
Origin: Stans, Nidwalden, Switzerland
Songs:
- November
- Can't Drink Too Much Whiskey
- Robert Emmet
- Sing This Song
- A Soldiers Song

Song recommendation: ROBERT EMMET
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