

The first time I saw ROAD RUNNER playing was over a year ago at a very small and very crowded club in Berlin called the Celtic Cottage. The exceptioal qualities of this group immediately attracted my attention to the stage. ROAD RUNNER is an acoustic string band that plays its own particular style of music. The roots of this style are to be found in traditional (not commercial) American country folk music. ROAD RUNNER, an international band of musicians from America, Scotland, France, England and Germany, has taken this tradition and developed its own very unique and individual style by adding a variety of influences such as swing-jazz, blues and rock. Furthermore, a greater part of the groups repertoire contains original material. ROAD RUNNER calls its synthesis of music "Hot Country Swing" because its "hot", based on "country", and it "swings". What really sets ROAD RUNNER apart from other acoustic and string bands is the show. Where other bands often deliver a dry recital of songs and tunes, ROAD RUNNER makes real contact with the audience with talk, humor, and plenty of action. After seeing ROAD RUNNER play the first time I was so impressed that I booked them for a concert at the Black Bear Folk Club, where I help to organize the program. The concert was a great success, and later on in the following spring and summer the band began playing larger festivals in Germany, Denmark and Switzerland. I think in the months ahead ROAD RUNNER will become known and appreciated by many more music fans in Europe.

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