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Old Crow Medicine Show

A young, exciting, American string band with old time, folk, and alt-country style that plays at musical festivals around the united states. The band formed in 1998 the current memebers are, Ketch Secor (Fiddle, Harmonica) Critter Fuqua (Guitar, Accordion) Kevin Hayes (Banjo) Morgan Jahnig (Standup Bass) Gill Landry (Resonator Guitar) Chance McCoy (Fiddle, mandolin) Cory Younts (Drums, Keys). Past Members include, Ben Gould, Matt Kinman, and Willie Watson.

The start happened at a young age when Ketch And Critter, met in the 7th grade in Harrisburg, VA. They started playing at open mic nights together at a small venue called, Little Grill Dinner. Willie Watson met Ben Gould during high school in Watkins Glen, New York. After dropping out of school Willie and Ben formed the band Funniest Game, which they played in until meeting Ketch and Critter.

Old Crow was somewhat formed in Ithaca New York after recording the album Transmission, which they would sell on the road while busking west through Canada. Busking their way back to the east coast the band was recognized one day on a street corner by country legend Doc Watson. Doc invited them to play at a music festival which kick started Old Crow’s music career.

Like most bands Old Crow was influenced by well know artist in the industry. Ketch Secor was first influenced by John Hartford in the first grade which made him want to play the banjo. Critter was influenced by bands like Guns and Roses, Nirvana, AC/DC and a Conjuto band. Bob Dylan was the most profound influence for Ketch and paved the way for their hit song Wagon Wheel. The song was originally a Dylan track called, Rock me mamma but was never finished until Ketch got the copyrights from Dylan and completed his own version. The song Wagon Wheel was a hit and has since been covered by other bands around the country music scene.

Old Crow has received several awards for their music. Their 2004 album *O.C.M.S.* was selected by Country Music Television (CMT) as one of the top-10 bluegrass albums of the year. The band was formally inducted into the Grand Ole Opera. Their recording of “Wagon Wheel" was certified Platinum and nominated song of the year in 2013.

Old Crow Medicine Show has released six studio albums.

* O.C.M.S. (2004)
* Big Iron World (2006)
* Tennessee Pusher (2008)
* Carry Me Back (2012)
* Remedy (2014) Grammy award winner in 2015 for best folk album
* Bushy Mountain Conjugal Trailer (2015) EP

In conclusion, Old Crow Medicine Show is a fun and down to earth time. Their music incorporates several stringed instruments that have been played in America for decades. They have an old time mountain feel to their music, even when surrounded by new world money and technology.