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## Maia Festival Press Release

Maia are a pop folk acoustic quartet from Huddersfield, who have described themselves as sci-fi folk evangelists!

They have a radiant varied sound, stunning harmonies with a brooding sense of adventure and streaks of pop eccentricity.

After 3 years of live show experience, and supports including the likes of **Anais Mitchell**, **The Low Anthem** and **The Unthanks**, the group are continuing to receive huge praise and a greater following for their fantastic live shows. After a critically acclaimed performance at the *Cambridge Folk Festival* in 2011 and residencies at the monthly Folke Newington night at *The Drop* (London) and the highly regarded *Magpies Nest Collective*, the band were asked to headline at *The Royal Festival Hall*, Southbank Centre on New Years Eve in 2012 which was the start to a year in which the band played over 80 shows including *Hop Farm Festival*, *Larmer Tree*, *Port Eliot*, *London Folk Weekend*, *Wilderness*, *Broadstairs Folk Week* and *No Direction Home*.

Their highly acclaimed celestial album "**Pepper Stars**" was released in October 2012 and received many 4 and 5 star reviews and was a Time Out Album of the week. The band have continually been well supported on the radio regionally and nationally receiving praise from **Guy Garvey** and **Tom Robinson** on BBC 6 music as well as being picked for Best of 2012 on Radio 4s Loose Ends Culture Show.

### Reviews:

"Remarkable. Fantastic gig, can't wait to hear more from these genre-busting lads from Huddersfield."  
**Never Enough Notes (The 30th of November at Old Queens Head in Islington)**

"This multi-talented quartet combine instrumental and vocal skills with an originality, exuberance and panache which is seen too only too rarely. Following their appearance at Broadstairs 2012 I immediately booked them for 2013 – while I can still afford them!"  
**Kim Headley (Artistic Director, Broadstairs Folk Week)**

"A special mention here has to go to Maia, who spend all afternoon sucking in crowds into The Den...Then spend 45 minutes charming the audience and making sure the effort of finding it was worth it"  
**Music OMH (Cambridge Folk Festival review)**

"...They are a splendidly talented bunch of guys and I would recommend them to anyone wanting an excellent band for their festival or show. I will be booking them again for the Port Eliot Festival in 2014 and they will be appearing at our area at Glastonbury 2012 as well. Maia are great!"  
**Rick Worthy (Music and Cabaret manager at Port Eliot Festival Theatre and Circus Area stage manager at Glastonbury Festival)**

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