



Band: **The Countess of Fife**
Title: **Don't Dress Me Up**
Release Date: **28 July 2017**



Rezillo Fay Fife's brand new band has new single and debut gig coming up at end of July

The Countess of Fife is an 'insurgent/alternative country' music project. It was formed in late 2016 by **Fay Fife**, singer and creative force with legendary Scots punk/post punk bands *The Rezillos* / *The Revillos*, alongside guitarist **Allan Mcdowall** (of influential post punk country outfit *So You Think You're A Cowboy*).

The Countess of Fife draws from country, punk, early R'n'B, soul, girl groups, Brian Wilson and gospel.

Having dipped their toes in the performance pool with a refugee benefit show last November, and another benefit at Leith Depot in June 2017, **The Countess of Fife** will make their full live debut, playing the main stage at **ButeFest, Saturday 29 July**.

Meanwhile, **The Countess of Fife** have begun recording. While Fife and Mcdowall are the heart of the band, the recording sessions have included legendary drummer **Ted McKenna** (*The Sensational Alex Harvey Band, Rory Gallagher, Womack & Womack*) and *The Rezillos* bassist **Chris Agnew** (*Dougie MacLean, Maggie Bell*).

Fay is a founder member, voice and leading creative force with legendary Scottish punk band *The Rezillos* who formed in 1976 and Post Punk band *The Revillos*. *The Rezillos* released their first independent single *I Cant Stand My Baby* to critical acclaim and were signed by American label Sire. John Peel was an early fan and *The Rezillos* recorded several Peel sessions. They recorded the seminal punk album *Can't Stand the Rezillos* in New York and it reached number 16 in the UK Albums Chart in 1978. *The Rezillos* released several successful singles, their biggest hit was the UK Top 20 single *Top of the Pops*.

During the 90's Fay took a break from music, but returned in 2001 when *The Rezillos* reformed to play at Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations. Since then the band have toured widely, including touring the USA twice alongside UK and European dates.

In recent years, Fay has expanded her musical horizons, and has appeared in several live shows that have involved collaborations with classical musicians and visual art, including the St Giles Cathedral *Animotion* show featuring percussionist, Dame Evelyn Glennie, composer and flautist, Dave Heath and Russian artist, Maria Rud.

In 2011 *The Rezillos* were awarded *The Scottish Music Awards - The Tartan Clefs, The Reo Stakis Foundation Legends Award*. Fay continues as singer and songwriter with *The Rezillos* while pursuing other creative avenues.

Now, with collaborator Allan Mcdowall, Fay is focussing on establishing **The Countess of Fife**.

A download single (available on itunes, Amazon etc) – **Don't Dress Me Up** - will be released **28 July 2017** (available for pre-orders now) with a full vinyl /CD release planned for later this year.

WAV file for radio/press use only is available for download here - <https://soundcloud.com/scary-biscuit/countess-of-fife-dont-dress-me/s-lrTa1>

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