

Coming Attractions

Roots with Maria in the Shower



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Maria in the Shower brings together music and theatre in an inspiring romp through North American musical history and its roots in ancient ritual. Since conceiving the band in 2005, Martin Reisle and Jack Garton have dug deep into American roots music, making it their own with innovative arrangements that honour tradition yet look boldly forward. Continuing the legacy of our greatest blues, jazz, folk and rock entertainers, the boys deliver a show that is both raw with intensity yet polished with a strong sense of craft and purpose.

Born showmen, Jack and Martin are guaranteed to have an audience rapt, dancing - or both throughout each performance. While remaining the closest of collaborators, the difference in approach between Reisle and Garton causes a creative tension that is exhilarating to behold. Jack, one of Vancouver's most exciting young theatre artists, often acts as *mise-en-scene* for the group, creating dazzling theatrical backdrops that use and explore clown, mime, shadowplay, lighting effects and video interaction. These aesthetic explorations frame Martin's graceful and ground-breaking songs in a way that is often bone-chillingly beautiful.

In turn, Reisle's work as a composer and arranger has found perfect musical expression within the talented and capable hands of the band. Shifting with ease from uptempo swing to sensitive folk ballad, or energetic samba to subtle waltz, the rhythm section of Brendon Hartley and Todd Biffard stir up infectious grooves like a well-oiled machine. With a strong songbook, a new debut recording and energy to spare, this young band of uncompromisingly creative minstrels are quickly leaving in their wake a trail of devoted fans eager to hop into the shower with Maria again and again.

This band really needs to be heard and the Waverley is your chance on Saturday, March 14th. The cover is only \$10 and the show starts at 10 p.m. For more info visit waverleyhotel.ca and call 250 898 1056.

Feature Listing

