

The Nutopians

8 Piece Ensemble Celebrate The Songs Of John Lennon

The Nutopians is a unique and compelling 8-piece ensemble that celebrates the genius and artistry of John Lennon. Created and led by Rex Fowler of Aztec Two-Step and Tom Dean of Devonsquare, the ensemble gives remarkably fresh treatments to Lennon's best and least known Beatles and solo song compositions that often inspire a whole new appreciation for the icon's music.

The Live Show

The band's live show features entertaining storytelling, and like their award winning CD *Imagined*, superb lead singing and 3-part harmonies, plus a host of talented musicians on acoustic, electric and bass guitars, cello, violin, mandola, accordion, piano, chromatic harmonica and light percussion. In a series of singles and min medleys, the band's arrangements frequently involve weaving melody, lyric and song together in new and unexpected ways.

The response has been overwhelming.

The Founding Artists

Rex Fowler and Tom Dean emerged as prominent folk/rock artists in the 1970s. Rex's band, Aztec Two-Step, burst upon the scene with their self-titled debut album on Elektra Records in 1972. This and their three subsequent albums on RC Records were staples of college and progressive FM radio and helped usher the music of the 1960s into the 70s and beyond. Tom Dean's band Devonsquare was signed by Ahmet Ertegun, the legendary Chairman of Atlantic Records, after hearing Dean's "Walking On Ice" from their self-released album of the same name. Devonsquare went on to record another CD for Atlantic titled "Bye Bye Route 66" which spawned several critically acclaimed singles including "If You Could See Me Now."

The Band Members

Tom Dean - 6 & 12 string guitars, mandola & vocals; Rex Fowler - rhythm guitar & vocals; Alana MacDonald - violin & vocals; Jordan Jancz - cello & percussion; Teg Glendon - bass guitar and vocals; Robby Coffin - electric and acoustic guitars & vocals; Gary Schreiner - piano, accordion & chromatic harp; Maggie Coffin - vocals & percussion.

"One listen to these intelligent heartfelt covers will convince you that Rex and Tom have been infused with the spirit of John Lennon and that they rank right up there with the very best Lennon interpreters ever."

- Pete Fornatale, WFUV, New York

The Imagined CD

The Nutopians "Imagined" CD wins Independent Music Awards Vox Pop "2010 Tribute Album of the Year" for Interpretations of John Lennon's Beatles and Solo Compositions.

Song Titles for the live show

1. I'll Get You / Imagine
2. I'll Cry Instead
3. Girl
4. Come Together / I Am The Walrus
5. Hide Your Love Away / Norwegian Wood
6. Rain
7. A Day In The Life / Across The Universe

8. You Can't Do That / I Call Your Name
9. Julia
10. I Don't Want To Spoil The Party
11. Help!
12. The Word / We Can Work It Out
13. In My Life
14. Tomorrow Never Knows / Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds
15. Johnny's An Angel
16. Should Have Known Better
17. Beautiful Boy
18. The Ballad of John & Yoko
19. Instant Karma
20. And Your Bird Can Sing
21. I'll Be back
22. Dear Prudence
23. Happy Christmas (War Is Over) / Give Peace A Chance