

Gypsy rave-up with Caravan of Thieves

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The theatrical four-piece acoustic band Caravan of Thieves will bring its unique brand of gypsy jazz-flavored music and high intensity showmanship to the Brookings-Harbor Performing Arts Theater at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. The show is presented by Stagelights Musical Arts Community. The theater is located in the Brookings-Harbor Shopping Center in Harbor.

Caravan of Thieves, known for testing the limits of what can be done with acoustic instruments, is often described as a cross between Django Reinhardt, STOMP, Beatles and the 1930s punk of Squirrel Nut Zippers.

According to Caravan's website, the band's "driving gypsy-jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin lay the foundation for mesmerizing vocal harmonies and fantastic stories."

A review in Driftwood Magazine read, "Strong vocals, dazzling instrumental prowess and downright silliness – a winning combination."

A Pittsburgh City Paper review: "The Caravan sound is a mixture of pop, jazz and folk with a definite vaudeville twist."

The band has performed across the United States for the last three years and just finished a whirlwind tour of summer music festivals in support of its latest CD "The Fun House."

Videos of the band can be viewed at www.stagelights.us/caravan-of-thieves or at www.caravanofthieves.com.

The band features husband and wife duo Fuzz and Carrie Sangiovanni (guitars, vocals and various percussive instruments) violinist Ben Dean and double bass player Brian Anderson.

The band performs both originals and covers such as Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," and Talking Head's "Psycho Killer," and sometimes "You Are My Sunshine." They invite audiences to join the band throughout the performance in momentary fits of claps, foot stomping and sing-alongs.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Curry Coastal Pilot, 507 Chetco Ave., or at the door. Seating is limited to 85 and, as of Tuesday, more than half the tickets were sold, concert organizers said.

A portion of the ticket sales will benefit Stagelights' music outreach and education programs.

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