

'Thieves' Halloween concert in Fairfield promises to be frightfully fun

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On Halloween this Saturday, the gypsy jazz and rock band Caravan of Thieves will perform, um, dead. "We will dress up as ourselves, but dead -- makeup and what not," husband and wife duo Fuzz and Carrie Sangiovanni explained in an interview earlier this week.

That night, the pair -- along with band mates Ben Dean (violin) and Brian Anderson (double bass) -- will headline a show at Fairfield Theatre's Stage One at 70 Sanford St. at 7:30 p.m. They'll also play Friday, but sans dreary makeup. Their own identity will more than make up for it.

On how they came up with the name, the couple noted, "We had been kicking around the concept for the band - - gypsy, acoustic, swing, etc. -- and the idea came to mind of a gypsy caravan with mysterious and possibly sketchy characters and Fuzz blurted out, 'Caravan of Thieves.' "

Thieves is no stranger to the area, having been based in Bridgeport and played intensively throughout the state, including Stage One. Praised for its unique arrangements and Beatlesque sound, the band has garnered raves pretty much wherever it plays.

"Each room has a certain vibe in it and we try to accompany that mood as best as possible. On Halloween it will be scary," Fuzz and Carrie said.

Thus far, the couple agrees that signing with Fleming Artists has been one of their biggest happenings as a band. That partnership led them to tour all over the place. It also led to recording their album. The album came out two years ago and was actually released in February 2009 at -- Where else? -- Stage One.

Guggenheim Grotto will open the shows. Tickets are \$12 for members or \$17 for nonmembers.

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