

Wilin' Out

Grown children wandering the world



QUESTION
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Caravan of Thieves

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We had been waiting around all day for some good music. Every time we trekked over to the stages it was just another Dead band or some folks slamming around on the guitars that sounded suspiciously like them. Sitting in the site I looked at the schedule again and started telling everyone we had to get moving again. Quizzical inquiries about why the hell we had to leave when we just got back were answered with the name of the band on stage, **Caravan of Thieves**. A good name normally means the bands pretty decent and after two days of the Dead we needed some variety.



Arriving to gypsy melodies worthy of their name, the acoustically amplified quartet had the crowd dancing as they drifted towards the end of their set. Violin and bass creating the bookends to allow the guitars to move fluidly throughout the performance. Attired as a caravan of thieves should be, the Bridgeport locals blended Eastern European with a splash of the classical and American folk music on stage. Lilted and wonderful, the group's energy was apparent, their joy at performance enabling the crowd to be drawn into their



The patron participation portion of the performance came as their final act. A moment spent removing instruments was needed before further instructions were given to the assembled listeners. Banging on musical devices crafted from the finest metal cans available in Connecticut Caravan proceeded to get down with audience assistance. The foursome played together as seamlessly as when their usual tools were present, creating an organic experience for everyone involved. The crowd kept up pretty well, mimicking the rhythms on cue until above average melodic acumen was required. Spoons on recycled goods never sounded so good.



After all the banging they had time for one more tune. In order to finish the performance some help was brought on stage to clap and stomp the band out. A beautiful tune about bringing back everyone we wished was here rolled through, closing our favorite performance of the Vibes. Cheering ensued and everyone went on their way as the band encouraged the masses to come over to the merch tent and say hello. Thank you Caravan of Thieves for bringing some breadth to the bill. We'll be in the audience again soon.



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