

THE MATINÉE



The stomp and cheer of dancing shoes on sticky wooden floors. 3 a.m. phone calls of raw soul alcoholisms. A long drive down a dirt road into the sunrise. An empty glass. Laughter, hangover....The Matinée.

The roots-rock sounds of The Matinée evoke memories of family camping trips, men with guitars around the campfire belting out tunes of broken things & the open road — rising tempos bring the faithful to their feet, clapping & dancing until someone throws an aerosol can on the fire & everything explodes.

Formed in 2007, The Matinée has quickly gained radio play and a reputation for packed-house shows. Their live performances are dynamic, whimsical and enthusiastic with a rootsy homegrown flavour that contrasts with the crisp professionalism of their unflagging work ethic. Featuring crooner vocals with a heartbreak lilt and melody lines equal parts danceable and melancholic, The Matinée is guaranteed to win over any audience.

After a combined fifty-plus years of individual involvement in bands ranging from country acts to alt-metal outfits, these six high school best friends have formed a hardworking brotherhood dedicated to crafting fine roots-rock tunes and putting on memorable concerts with a real authenticity. Since their formation, the band has embarked on multiple provincial and national tours, including their involvement with the B.C. Arts Council's Artstarts Program and the B.C. Schizophrenia Society's Reachout Tour. In 2010 alone The Matinée performed for more than 15,000 college and high school students, as well as the inmates of several prisons, and countless bar and club audiences.

After two years of independent production and promotion under their label Blue Collar Records, the Matinée is currently working on their next album, slated for release in early 2011.

If you like Kings of Leon, The Black Crowes, and old Bruce Springsteen, you'll love these six handsome lads from blue-collar British Columbia. Raise a glass, and raise a curtain...it's showtime for The Matinée!

The Matinée are:

Matthew Rose – Guitar, Pedal Steel, Vocals

Matthew Layzell – Vocals, Harmonica

Geoff Petrie – Guitar, Percussion, Vocals

Mike Young – Bass, Vocals

Dave Young – Keyboards, Mandolin, Vocals

Peter Lemon – Drums, Vocals