

Biography

NYC-based violin/guitar duo Brazz Tree continues to astound and endear audiences across the country with their new brand of music: New World Acoustic Rock (otherwise known as Music NWAR). Though it draws on traditional forms born in places as far-flung as Ireland and India, Music NWAR remains firmly rooted in the exuberant, questing ethos of the New World. Says violinist/vocalist Mazz Swift, "I call it New World Acoustic Rock because it comes from the New World and it's world music as you've never heard it before."

Brazz Tree was created in 2004, when guitarist Brad Hammonds answered Mazz's craigslist ad for a collaborator. They released ...Quest..., their debut album of original songs, in November 2005, and began touring in early 2006. Since then, they've performed at colleges, cafes, bars and concert halls across the U.S. and the Netherlands. They've also appeared at venues such as BAM CAFE, the Knitting Factory, the Blue Note, and Rockwood Music Hall, in their native New York. Their second album, Spiral On, is due out in the Summer of 2007. Though they tour with neither a drummer nor a bassist, Brazz Tree's versatility on strings allows them to create a remarkably wide range of musical experience. Towards the dizzying end of a Norwegian reel, they sound like mad dueling maniacs, spurring their instruments to go faster and faster. On slower songs, Brad's percussive guitar riffs lay a rhythmic foundation for Mazz's soaring melodies.

And in the rare moments when Mazz sings and fiddles at once, it sounds like she's intertwining two voices.



Their show was great and they were great people. The audience really enjoyed their music. Most of the comments I heard were related to what unbelievable musicians they both were.

*Chris Mikkelsen, Assistant Director of Student Life
Normandale Community College
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They were phenomenal! I hope we can get them back next year!

*Kelly Warren, Coordinator of Student Activities
Florida Community College Kent Campus
Jacksonville, FL*

Brazz Tree was absolutely phenomenal. We had students coming out of the dining hall so they could hear them better on the patio. We will definitely have them back to our campus.

*Azurdee M. Garland, Program Coordinator
Western Kentucky University
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Brazz Tree was selected to perform at the 2006 SXSW Music Festival in Austin, 2006 CMEAS Tour in Holland, the 2006 NACA National Convention in Boston, 2006

NACA-WEST Conventon in Reno, 2006 NXNE Festival in Toronto, the Temecula Valley Film Festival, and the Dewey Beach Music Festival in Dewey DE. They are on the Relix magazine compilation CD for the April/May 2006 issue, and in their "Listen Up" section in the September 2006 issue, and have received Radio play from across the country including a spotlight on NPR and Acoustic Cafe (ACAFE) as "one to watch"...

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