THE Exhilarating Haygoods

by Richard Freihofer, Editor & Publisher

They fiddle, they flip, they pick and they wail.

Moreover, they doo-wop, they croon, they swing and they rock. From a soulful Motown with “The Temptations walk” to a jitterbug swing and a heart pounding break-dance—the Haygoods show is an exhilarating experience!

Although a literal firestorm of youthful enthusiasm, this band of brothers and their little sister are seasoned showbiz vets. For years their whiz kid show at Silver Dollar City wowed millions. Today, The Haygoods are simultaneously known as one of Showtown’s hottest dance troupes, teenage heartthrobs, most versatile instrumentalists, awesome crooners, impressive acrobats, Youtube stars and, oh yes, Best Variety Show for 2007 by the Branson Critic Awards! Even so, a relentless pursuit to top themselves seems to be the family tradition, for The Haygoods have rolled out an all new show for 2008, their final full season in Branson. So drop everything, get your tickets and bring the whole family because this friends, is the genuine item.

Ages: 15 – 30

Vocals: Known for their tight, acapella harmonies, audiences love The Haygoods renditions of everything from Motown to The Beach Boys and the great jazz and pop standards.

Dance: The Haygoods are one of the slickest dance companies in town—visually breathtaking!

Acrobatics: This show has no respect for gravity. Expect leaps, flips, even launches into the skies.

Show Surprises: Catherine and the boys playing a classical sounding version of The Beatles’ Eleanor Rigby. A Caribbean melody from Disney’s Little Mermaid. A sax and jitterbug treatment of Swing, Swing, Swing! A dance solo reminiscent of Stomp!

TV: The Haygoods will star in their own TV Show on UPN starting fall ’08

Youtube: Do a search and enjoy a wide variety of Haygood music videos, road trips and comedy bits.

Names: Timothy, Patrick, Dominic, Shawn, Michael, Matthew, Catherine, Aaron.

Tickets: Check out the ad on this page.

Sister Catherine on the Sax.
The buzz around town for this new show approaches near-evangelistic proportions.
In minutes, (make that mere seconds) it becomes brilliantly clear why The Rankin Brothers Classic Music Revue was chosen to headline the prestigious Welk Resort Theatre throughout Branson’s 2008 show season—this show can literally detonate an audience!

Rare indeed is the reaction of seasoned Branson insiders who were invited to the show’s sneak preview. For an audience that has literally “seen it all”, it’s really quite remarkable to witness great numbers of them falling over themselves to spread the word. “You have just got to see this show,” they plead—to literally anyone and everyone around town. “No, really,” they gush. “This is a definite wow!”

Equally fascinating are the attempts of many to describe an experience, which they describe to be largely indescribable. “You’ve just got to experience it to believe it!” they insist, adding tales describing the effect the show has had on friends and loved ones—Moms and Dads “blown away”, girls swooning, guys exclaiming “they rock!” kids giddy with delight and grandfolks overcome by their own jaw-dropping “wows”.

“Our visitors from England, as well as our local friends were absolutely wowed in grand style by the music and showmanship of the Rankins! They did a tremendous job with Buddy’s music!”
—Maria Elena Holly, widow of the late, great Buddy Holly

REVIEW

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“WOW!”
Audiences Are Gushing over The Welk Resort’s ’08 Headliner

The Welk Resort’s ’08 Guest Stars

Tillis Family Reunion—Sept thru Oct featuring the country legend and all star family, Pam Tillis, Mel Jr. and Carrie April!

Tony Orlando & The Lennon Sisters – Nov- thru Dec Santa brings a special gift of surprises when the incomparable Tony Orlando joins TV’s legendary Lennon Sisters for an incredible Christmas Celebration!

Welk Starts Reunion – Sept A golden opportunity to see the original stars of the TV classic live on stage!

In short, this is a whale of a show, backed up by a troupe of world-class musicians and a songbook that connects to every generation. Including yours. But be forewarned: the “wows” you hear just may be your own! ✤