

GROOVY SHOE REVUE



JEFF RAY AND NICK SALISBURY

Minnesota-based musicians JEFF RAY & NICK SALISBURY have redefined the sonic potential of the modern acoustic-electric duo. Known as the GROOVY SHOE REVUE, their duo is characterized by what they affectionately call “Universal Roots Music”: an uptempo mix of original Roots and Blues littered with bits and pieces of world music-inspired improvisations.

Guitarist and vocalist JEFF RAY has developed a reputation for his unique style of “East-meets-West” resophonic slide-guitar, defined by banjo-like picking on his metal-bodied National guitar paired with swooping runs using a glass slide, a la Duane Allman meets Ravi Shankar, driving the duo’s improvisations into uncharted waters. The Duluth News Tribune has called Ray’s music “fresh and original” with bottleneck playing “so well honed that it puts him in a league with the best on the planet”. Rootsville (Belgium) says that Jeff Ray is “another great artist that we should not lose sight of”.

Bassist NICK SALISBURY wears a homemade shoe shaker contraption strapped to his classic Converse All-Stars, lending the duo it’s namesake. Paired with Ray’s driving foot stomp on his “portable front porch”, the audience is often awestruck, wondering how a duo can sound so full. Nick Salisbury has a long history as a bass playing sideman, most recently for Grammy award winning artist Ryan Bingham, Minnesota soul revivalists Sonny Knight & the Lakers, the Dollys, and the Neighborhood Trio. Nick is featured on a range of recordings by national recording artists and stays active as a music producer.

Throughout their careers, Jeff and Nick have shared stages with notable artists, including Willie Nelson, Rich Robinson, Chris Smither, Pat Donohue, Justin Townes Earle, Retribution Gospel Choir, Charlie Parr, etc., and have performed at large venues and festivals including Bayfront Blues Fest (Duluth, MN), Midwest Music Fest (Winona, MN), Porcupine Mountains Music Festival (Ontonagon, MI), International Blues Challenge (Memphis, TN), Boats and Bluegrass (Winona, MN), Roots Rock and Deep Blues Festival (Minneapolis, MN), Cedar Cultural Center (Minneapolis, MN), Oak Center (Lake City, MN), Radio Heartland (MN Public Radio), and many more. For more information and upcoming performance dates, visit <http://www.jeffraymusic.com>

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