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music BY ADRIENNE VAN DER VALK

Adam Raitano of Heroes and Villains with Harold Von Killian

Harold Killian's No Ring Sideshow and Traveling Spectacular
9 pm Saturday, 2/17 • WOW Hall • \$7 adv., \$8 door

Joyful Mayhem

Heroes and Villains join the sideshow

Heroes and Villains are the chosen people. Last year, they were chosen by Harold Von Killian, a renegade performance mastermind from Slovovia living a life of artistic exile in Portland. They were chosen to help him create the latest incarnation of a show Von Killian crafted over decades traveling with his adopted gypsy family of clowns, acrobats, musicians and freaks: the No Ring Sideshow and Traveling Spectacular. They were chosen, according to drummer Scott Magee, because Heroes and Villains embodies the surreal aesthetic and old-world whimsy that is quintessential to Harold Von Killian's vision.

"We hope it impresses The Ringmaster," Magee says, his voice brimming with trepidation. "It is a dubious honor."

Magee and his bandmates won't be alone in their attempt to make Von Killian's latest vision a reality. The WOW Hall stage will come alive with a swirling array of flashing petticoats, lumbering stilts, mini-bikes, contorted bodies and dizzying hula hoops, moving not only to Heroes and Villains but to the old-time jazz stylings of Trashcan Joe and the off-beat of

the March Fourth Marching Band. The latter, a glittering ensemble of performance artists (35 in all), has taken xylophones and bass drums off the football field and into fairs, rock concerts and roller derby venues and has become a staple of the funky sideshow scene. Described as a "Fellini-esque mix of Mardi Gras mayhem, Afrobeat, Mexican hustle, sultry samba, big band and gypsy folk," March Fourth can move bodies and souls and will bring a spectacular visual element to Von Killian's cast of bohemian misfits.

With a cast of characters rounded out by the Alberta Street Clown House, the second year of the No Ring Sideshow (it's *not* a circus!) is "guaranteed to be 75 percent more entertaining, 50 percent more clownery, 85 percent more sideshow and 115 percent more spectacular," than last year, according to Magee. Will Harold Von Killian be present to witness the efforts of his anointed artists? While this mysterious figure remains largely behind the scenes, Magee assures audiences they won't be left wondering about this stranger from the East.

"We will bring The Ringmaster." **ew**

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