

Remember These Works

For many bands, making it past the second practice with the original lineup is a feat of endurance. Eugene band **Forgotten Works** has made it to the second year mark and is celebrating the occasion with an anniversary show at Wandering Goat Coffee House.

Forgotten Works, a duo of Eugeneans David Norem and Dan Reyhle, bills itself as "handcrafted acoustic music." The toddler-aged band has a grown-up four CDs to its credit: two live CDs, one from the World Café from July 2006 and one from the Downtown Lounge in May of 2006; *Last Days*, a 6-song EP released in March of 2006; and their first full length, *Last Days of Smoke & Thunder*, released in April of this year. These guys seem to have no problem writing material, as *Smoke & Thunder* is 13 tracks totaling more than 66 minutes. Their songs hover between Neil Young-ish jagged-edged folk rockers like "Thousand Points," which cribbs a little lyrically from the master, to the Santana-esque flourishes of jazzy guitar and rhythmic percussion present on "Listen To Life." There's even some down-homey bluegrass on "To Your Own Self Be True."

One of the album's highlights, the five-minute "Rumi's Song," is an instrumental tune displaying Latin-tinged percussive elements. Placed midway through the CD, it's an airy counterpoint to the lyrical heaviness of the other songs. Norem (guitar) and Reyhle (guitar, mandolin) share singing duties and seem to have a stellar musical camaraderie. On *Smoke & Thunder*, the instrumentation that the pair doesn't handle themselves is augmented with Pat Reyhle on percussion and effects and second percussionist Parker Koehn. Here's to many more multiples of two-year anniversaries for Forgotten Works!

Forgotten Works plays at 8 pm Saturday, Nov. 24, at Wandering Goat Coffee House. Free.

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