



1+1=MATH THE BAND

Math The Band sounds like how a 12-year-old boy sticking a booger in your face feels — but ... in a good way. The Rhode Island-based duo play amped-up and hyper-caffinated power-pop: buzzy synths, punk-y rhythms, shout-along songs about skateboarding and having fun mixing into a sort of ADHD-inducing Nintendo-core that makes the perma-peppy keyboard/drum duo Matt and Kim sound downright gloomy.

This will either sound fun or annoying depending on your point of view. But part of the charm of this goofy group is that they don't take themselves too seriously. The duo's website describes them as "twenty-somethings, who just happen to act like they are 14-year-olds," and continues, "Some people say our band is terrible; they are not wrong. Some people say we are the best band ever; they are correct."

The group has toured with bands like Peeland-Z, MC Chris and king joke-rocker himself, Andrew WK. Live, Justine Manville shouts into the mic, banging a cymbal with one hand and playing keyboards with the other. Kevin Steinhauser, bearded and sporting a white sweatband on his head, attacks his guitar, tearing through songs with titles like "My Algebra Teacher [Sold Heroin]." Rumor has it Math The Band play with such intensity live that they've suffered broken bones.

But the punch line is on the audience, because this group can actually play and at times shows enough heart for the 'tween in us all to whine, "You just don't understand, Mom." In "The Adventures of Brian Townsend," Manville and Steinhauser exclaim, "This is not a song!" Many might agree. But just as many will knock back a sixer of Mountain Dew, eat an entire pepperoni pizza and enjoy the show anyway.

Math The Band play 9:30 pm Monday, Nov. 26, at Luckey's; \$5. 21+. — *William Kennedy*

MUSIC LISTINGS

CONTINUED

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Monday Night Mics—10pm; n/c
GOODFELLAS Karaoke—7pm
MOHAWK TAVERN Open Blues Jam—8pm
PERUGINO MuseArt—6pm
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7pm; Open mic, n/c
WANDERING GOAT Songwriter's Night, Open Mic—7pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James Show—7pm; n/c

TUESDAY 11/27

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/ Brad Erichsen—9:30pm; 21+, n/c
BUGS'S Karaoke—8pm
THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c
COWFISH School Night Dance Party w/Michael Human—9pm; Electro, blog-house, n/c
COZMIC Singer/Songwriter Showcase: Jordan Beckett w/ Joanna Dahl, Emily & Matthew Flood, Taylor Hacmac, & Phil Serino—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam night—7pm; Open mic, n/c
DOC'S PAD—Karaoke—9pm
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Open Mic—6pm; n/c; Karaoke—9pm
GOODFELLAS Karaoke—7pm
GRANARY "Grateful Tuesdaze"—9pm; Grateful Dead full-length concert videos, n/c
HOT MAMA'S WINGS Open Mic—7:30pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Private Stock w/KI & the Architex—10pm; Hip Hop, underground rap, \$2
MAC'S Rooster Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm; n/c

POUR HOUSE Guitaraoke w/Neriah Hart—8pm
SAM BOND'S Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
TAYLOR'S Karaoke—10pm
VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James Show—7pm; n/c
WOW HALL An Evening with the Chris Robinson Brotherhood—9pm; Psychedelic Rock, \$15 adv., \$18 door
WHIRLED PIES Open jam—6:30pm; n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Karaoke—9pm

WEDNESDAY 11/28

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
BEALL CONCERT HALL Symphonic Band—8pm; \$7, \$5 stu. & sr.
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
COWFISH "Hump Night" w/Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c
COZMIC Open Mic Night—7:30pm; Variety, n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Songwriter's Night—7pm; Open mic, n/c
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Bikes, BBQ & Blues Jam—8pm; n/c
GOODFELLAS Karaoke—7pm
GRANARY Jazz jam w/Gerry Rempel & Bruce Cole—8pm; n/c
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Guitaraoke w/ Neriah Hart—8pm; Karaoke, n/c
JAZZ STATION Smokey Beau's Café—7pm; Jazz, \$3-\$5
JOHN HENRY'S Bounce w/DJ Sassy Mouff—9pm; Dance, n/c
LEVEL UP 80s Music Videos w/VJ Ferris—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Matty Charles, Ascetic Junkies—10pm; Americana, singer-songwriter, \$3
MAC'S Wine, Jazz & Variety Show w/Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; Jazz, blues, n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock 'n' roll historian, n/c
MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—8:30pm; n/c

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