

Theatre

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G-rated romp hits the G-spot

On stage

The Wet Spots: Sing Your Way to Better Sex

Where: Performance Works (1218 Cartwright St., Granville Island)

When: Through Saturday; also Nov. 3-6, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 at 604-257-0366

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The Beatles crooned "All You Need Is Love." The Wet Spots mean that all you need is lube.

It's only one of the many informative suggestions in Cass King and John Woods' musical comedy duo show *Sing Your Way to Better Sex*.

By the time you've experienced the smiling marrieds harmonizing in "Wherever You're Going (I'd Like to Come)," you'll be winded from laughing but wound-up for later.

Just don't expect obscenity from King — a former sex columnist (*Organ Grinder*) and Womyn's Ware staffer — and ex-Orchid Highway guitarist Woods. The Wet Spots aim for G-rated success.

It's working. The group's cheeky-but-educational show is a sell-out local and national hit. Its rep is growing stateside.

"The show is interesting and tongue-in-cheek," says Woods. "It really presents us as we are — two wacky advocates."

Advocates whose stage experience served them well developing this act. King, an established performance poet, can belt it like a '30s blues shouter while Woods' classic pop hooks drive the point home. Both credit producer Steven Drake with the band's fully realized sound.

Even though the Wet Spots show is inclusive in every way to all preferences, a quite direct number, such as "Do You Take It," seems ready-made to become a frat-boy anthem.

"Well, if it does, then we'll get the message across to them subliminally," says King. "I can't see a song with such a strong message about equality being used in the opposite way."

Certainly not if the tune is taken in the context of the entire performance. After winning local recognition, the combo started playing suburban comedy clubs and had an awakening.

"We discovered, much to our chagrin, that we're not nearly as pervy as we thought," says King. "We're just outspoken about things that other people do."

Oh well, the more you learn the less you know. The fun always was in the learning.

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