

Love is what you make it, so why not make it weird



John Woods and Cass King are the Wet Spots.

Some pointers on seduction from the Wet Spots

When CBC Radio gets in the mood for a little afternoon delight they'll spin a number by Vancouver's Wet Spots, purveyors of fine kink for the aurally attuned. Guitarist, vocalist and songwriter John Woods and infamous poet/sex columnist Cass King's smart, jazzy songs about spanking, orgies and lesbian action can be sampled at CBCRadio3.com and enjoyed live all over town this Valentine's weekend. You can take them home with you by snagging their new seven-song jewel *Ribbed For Pleasure*. We asked them pointers on seduction.

Queue: *What's the best come-on line?*

Wetspots: "Let's just kiss and see what happens."

Q: *Describe the most romantic Valentine's Day.*

W: Well, first we would take a strawberry bubble bath and drink champagne out of a red high-heeled pump while listening to Rod Stewart's greatest hits. Then we would lounge by the fireplace, where Romanian gymnasts would massage us and feed us small bits of cheese. Then we would all make love involving some sort of board game.

Just kidding. We don't own any Rod Stewart.

Q: *What's sexy? Clothes-wise, drink-wise, anything-you-think wise?*

W: Classic sexy doesn't change too much. You can't go wrong with seamed stockings, fine lingerie, leather, corsets,

crossdressing à la Marlene Dietrich, and elegant high heels. Boxer briefs (the tight kind). Tight jeans or an Armani suit. Sock garters, of course. For guys, fewer options, but any of the above will work if it feels good.

Sexy drinks: Anything that you can pour on your partner and not wake up sticky.

Sexy music: Tango, bossa nova, ambient, funk and jazz.

Q: *Wet spots' ultimate gig?*

W: Radio City Music Hall. Margaret Cho as M.C. Musical arrangements by Tom Waits. Cab Calloway's Orchestra backing us. Dita Von Teese choreographing The Rockettes' floor show. Rufus Wainwright waiting in the dressing room.

One last comment: There's a Hallmark-card idea of capitol-R Romance that prevails around Valentines Day. Red roses and fancy dinners and chocolate and all that expensive stuff. It's like a prepackaged resort holiday, and it makes a lot of folks uneasy.

The truth is that love is messy and real. Romance — whether it's a hot weekend getaway at a plush hotel or a motorcycle ride and some KFC drive thru — is how we remind ourselves that it's worth it. If you're making last minute plans, remember that romance can't be prepackaged, and love is what you make it. "Whatever gets you through the night, s'all right."

— John Lennon.

Check out Wet Spots live at Lafflines, Friday-Saturday; Theatre Cares' Burlesque Valentine cabaret, Arts Club Theatre, Sunday; and Vancouver Poetry Slam's Erotic Slam, Monday, Cafe Deux Soleils.