
The Berends Brothers Band

IN CONCERT @ THE ROTUNDA, PHILADELPHIA, PA



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013 @ 8pm

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In Concert at U of Penn – The Rotunda

FREE SHOW, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ALL AGES

Bill Berends: guitars & vocal
Rich Berends: drums & percussion
Tim Spillane: bass & vocal

A Psychedelic Blues Rock Experience

International recording and touring artists and blood brothers - master guitarist Bill Berends and drummer extraordinaire Rich Berends - known worldwide for their progressive rock band **MASTERMIND** - come together in concert at U of Penn's Rotunda, October 24th, 2013 as "The Berends Brothers Band" along with bassist Tim Spillane. Exploring the psychedelic rock experience from the late 60's progressive blues stylings of Cream, Jimi Hendrix, Ten Years After and the Woodstock generation, evolving into the jazz-rock fusion realm of Miles Davis' Jack Johnson era and beyond, delivered with the blistering power of Mahavishnu, The Berends Brothers Band is a musical head trip without boundaries, rooted in the most adventurous and creative era of rock music.

Along with the brother's multiple musical ventures and Bill Berends' recent critically acclaimed instrumental solo album "In My Dreams I Can Fly", Bill also performs regularly in the Philadelphia region with legendary jazz drummer G. Calvin Weston's "Treasures of the Spirit" tribute to the Mahavishnu Orchestra. Covering John McLaughlin may give you an idea of the level of musicianship involved, similar to Bill's dazzling interplay with keyboard wizard Jens Johansson (Stratovarius, Yngwie Malmsteen, Dio) on Mastermind's widely acclaimed "Excelsior!" album. To quote Chicago Dr. Music's weekly review "Let's just say it, this guy is as good as they get."

Drummer Rich Berends' jaw-dropping physical chops, classical training, and jazz finesse also keep him in demand around Philadelphia with various side projects, from the Philadelphia German Brass Band (recently featured at the Xfinity Oktoberfest) to the power-metal stylings of Frost Giant. Guided by older brother Bill at an early age, Ginger Baker, Carl Palmer, Tony Williams, Buddy Rich were drilled into his head. Studying with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra percussionist and honing his jazz chops as Tony DiNicola's (Harry James Orchestra) star pupil, Rich is the supercharged engine that powers Bill's harmonic imagination. Like a force of nature, his drum solo is a crowd pleasing highlight of The Berends Brothers live show.

Built on a lifetime of playing music together, as teens in their parent's basement, to stages around the globe with Mastermind, the brothers Berends perform and improvise effortlessly with an almost telepathic-like connection creating an exciting, fluidly dynamic, often unpredictable, and constantly evolving musical landscape where no two shows are ever exactly alike. It's psychedelic, baby!

In this special concert appearance the band is free to explore their musical vision thoroughly, unencumbered by the limits of alcohol venues. Mastermind fans also take note; anything is possible, so don't miss this show!

October 24th, 2013 at 8pm. Open to the public, all ages, concert seating, admission is free!

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