

The Houses of Healing



As *The Houses of Healing*, Dave Tate and Victoria Lagerström offer intimate and passionate acoustic folk duo performances. They are available for Private Parties, House Concerts, Weddings, and other events. The duo has toured since 2008 in Europe and the Western US. For more music, video, press and promoter materials please visit

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Critically acclaimed artist Dave Tate's soulful acoustic music combines intimate finger-picked acoustic guitar, passionate tenor vocals, and poetic imagery to show how strong quiet can be. A native of the red rock desert of Zion National Park, Tate's music is inspired by the vast spacious beauty of his homeland. Tate's dynamic songwriting is similar to the softer material of Paul Simon and Jeff Buckley. Lyrics rooted in themes of self-discovery are a signature of Tate's music. His graceful yet intense style combines pure, intimate vocals with dynamic acoustic guitar tones.

A native of Sweden, singer/songwriter Victoria Lagerström's unique soulful voice, earnest lyrics and ability to write timeless melodies give her a strong appeal to audiences in Europe and the US. Although influenced by artists like Billie Holiday, Gladys Knight, and Eva Cassidy, Lagerström's sound is distinctly her own. Her voice has an angelic quality yet echoes of the smoky, full-bodied texture of a soul singer. Lagerström states "The singers I returned to again and again were the ones that were brutally honest willing to show themselves as heroic at times and achingly vulnerable at others".

Together Tate and Lagerström bring out the best in each other. The expressive acoustic guitar work of Tate beautifully compliments the soulful soaring tones of Victoria Lagerström. Many of Tate and Lagerström's lyrics are about their Trans-Atlantic romance. Lagerström came to the US from Stockholm, Sweden to write and record with Tate. The couple fell in love and Lagerström never used her return ticket to Sweden. The couple was married among the beautiful sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park three weeks after her arrival. Tate and Lagerström have since toured in Europe and throughout the western US. They currently reside in Zion National Park.

"Heaven Sent, the new album from Victoria Lagerström, is fascinatingly beautiful...Victoria's soft soul-jazz voice is like a young to midaged Joni Mitchell."

- Meadowmusic, Sweden

"His own unique style (think of a cross between Paul Simon and Jeff Buckley, not just in style but also in quality) hits such a level of perfection that it's hard to comprehend anything more beautiful."

- Heaven Magazine, The Netherlands