

Luther Wright and the Wrongs have the Right Stuff

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It isn't often you get to see a legend up close. While Neil Young was the big legend of the week, mandolinist and multi-instrumentalist Dan Whiteley snuck into the Slice, April 24 as part of Luther Wright and the Wrongs, who played their own style of country and bluegrass music to a decent crowd of about 30.

"I come from a real punk tradition, but Dan brings a real traditional sound on banjo and mandolin. Dan's a great guy. He's one of the best mandolin players in Canada" said Wright after their first set which included original material from all three Luther Wright and the Wrong's CDs including the latest "Man of Your Dreams," a cover of Dan's Juno award winning sister Jenny Whiteley's "Hallelujah Haircut" as well as several Stompin' Tom Connors classics sung by special guest Mitch Anderson. Jason Mercer was also on board on banjo and guitar.

Apparently they played a couple numbers off of "Rebuilding the Wall" — a country/bluegrass reworking of Pink Floyd's the Wall, but I missed it.