

New material from Keith And Renée

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Winnipeg pop/folk duo Keith Macpherson and Renee Lamoureux premiered some excellent new material during an opening set for fellow Winnipegger Jodi King at the Slice, May 29. Some highlights included Macpherson's ode to having a crush on Jennifer Aniston called "Jenny" and a moving tribute to the duo's favourite charity "Free The Children" which is about stopping third world children being forced to work in factories producing products like carpets for western consumption.

Another good song Macpherson performed was one he wrote about his experience competing in Canadian Idol 4. They are just about to release their fourth CD, which was recorded with a full band and is due out in September. They said we were the first to hear the new material, which makes one wonder if we really were the first, or if they tell that to everyone. Either way, they continue showing development and musical growth.

Of course their hit "Good Year" which is part of an AT and T commercial in South America was a highlight. I got a kick out of Macpherson's rendition of Cyndi Lauper's '80s hit "Time After Time" which drew their set to a close.

Jodi King, touring on a brand new CD, "Street Lights" displayed her impressive set of pipes, but her style of piano /pop just wasn't my style. But you have to respect a voice that beautiful.