

LANCE CONRAD & WHITE ELEPHANT

Lance Conrad, lead man for WHITE ELEPHANT, is a producer, engineer, composer, and performer here in Minneapolis. Over the past years, he has had the opportunity to engineer and attend over three hundred musical performances, thus his influences are many (musical, technical, social, and/or political) and have played an integral part in shaping the nature of his musical expressions. In addition to Lance, the band WHITE ELEPHANT consists of a rotating lineup including John Knauss, Justin Blaire, Luke Anderson, Andy Hertel, Tyler Erickson, Varun Kataria, and Evan Beaumont. Lance would like to thank those who have attended a WHITE ELEPHANT show, as well as the musicians that he's worked with. WhiteElephantMusic.org

GEORGE BRISSE

George Brisse is a singer/songwriter who grew up on a lake in central Minnesota. Influenced by the likes of Simon & Garfunkel and Radiohead, his music is a blend of acoustic and electric guitars with synthesizers and strings. His set on Flyhard's show will include songs featured on his upcoming album entitled: The Expansion of Happiness. The project began several years ago in Los Angeles where George lived and composed for three years. Having had enough of the fast-paced lifestyle of L.A., he returned to Minnesota to complete the album with the help of band mates Grant Kluempke (drums), Jason Underwood (bass & vocals), and John Knauss (guitar & vocals). The album is scheduled for release next summer.

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SRAZHALYS & THE MUSICKER

Dmitri Andreyev of the ensemble Srazhalys appeared as a Russian-Roma(Gypsy) man swept up into the fighting on the Eastern Front during WWII in the production: The Musicker's Tribunal, back in 2004. We did not see him in episode two: The Musicker's Lantern, but rumor has it that the third installment of the Musicker series is slated to premier this fall and that the episode is to be completely devoted to further telling the story of the character Dmitri portrayed in The Musicker's Tribunal. Dmitri says he's been hard at work creating the soundtrack for the new show with his domra, balalaika, guitar and clarinet, so if you enjoy the music of Srazhalys, watch for upcoming information about that next installment of the Musicker's misadventures.

CALIGARI'S GANG: THE ERSTWHILISTS

The acting troupe that brought you the retro-style stage shows Donovan's Brain and Caligari have been newly named: The Erstwhilists. Rumor has it that these purveyors of nostalgic and novel dramatic forms are at work creating a new radio play in the fashion of a 1950s detective drama with a sci-fi twist. From the age when the "Sputnik crisis" had many Americans frightened that the Soviets had technologically surpassed the U.S. and were conquering space, what kind of tales were heard on the radio? The Erstwhilists plan to tell such a story which may not seem as naive and outdated today as one might think. Watch for this show's premier in the Fall.

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