My Sweet Patootie is a nonstop neo-vaudeville stage show from Canada that features virtuosic musicianship, uncompromising vocal harmonies and humorous storytelling. It’s new music with an old soul, echoing vintage swing, blues, folk and ragtime - a unique musical experience that transcends the borders of the acoustic genre, promising to entertain music lovers of all kinds.

This dynamic trio features singer Sandra Swannell on swing fiddle, Paul Clifford on junk yard ricky-tick percussion, and singer Terry Young who, with his stunning fingerstyle guitar work, functions simultaneously as the group’s guitar and bass player.

The band’s name "My Sweet Patootie" is 1920’s slang, a term of endearment from North America meaning "hot dame" or "sassy sweetheart". It captures the vintage flavour of the band’s music and the satirical edge in much of their song writing.

Founded in 2007 by Canadian Folk Music Award winners Swannell and Young, the trio has always strived to create memorable, uplifting performances with high quality musicianship and family-friendly fun. The band has released 4 full-length albums and tours regularly across Canada and USA. In autumn 2018 they return to the UK for their eighth tour, running from late August to early October.

Terry Young is described by Penguin Eggs as an "acoustic guitar god". BBC critic James Harrox called his playing "virtuosic", while FATEA magazine described it as "jaw dropping". He has taught advanced finger-style guitar clinics and has written about his technique for Chicago’s Plank Road Folk Music Society Magazine. A talented multi-instrumentalist, Terry toured from 1999 - 2009 with the iconic roots group Tanglefoot; performing lead and harmony vocals, guitar, mandolin, banjo and pennywhistle.

Sandra Swannell is a classically trained violinist/violist, but her style is heavily influenced by Joe Venuti and Stephane Grappelli. Her musical background ranges from recording with Canada’s legendary Stompin’ Tom Connors to writing a series of musical sketches for string orchestra. She was the principal violist of the Georgian Bay Symphony, fronted the Celtic art-rock band The Shards and toured with roots group Tanglefoot before starting MSP with Terry Young. She teaches clinics for festivals, schools, community orchestras and her own private studio.

Percussionist Paul Clifford’s former projects include Vancouver folk-roots ensemble The Be Good Tanyas and the North American roots trio Groanbox. Paul was based in Kent, UK where he worked for ten years as a producer for Smugglers Records and was musical director for the vaudeville theatre collective The Private Widdle Social Club.

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ALBUMS

My Sweet Patootie released their forth full length album “Pandemonium” in May of 2016. It features each member’s skills as multi-instrumentalists, yet like all the band’s recordings, still remains true to their live sound as a trio. The CD was produced, arranged and mastered by Young & Swannell at their own Nowhereville Studios.

Peter Cowley’s review in FATEA magazine described it as “infection good humour and superb playing and singing, a delightful communion of jazz guitar, Hot Club violin, luscious strings and horns and harmonica vocals”.


PAST PERFORMANCES

UNITED KINGDOM

Hedben Bridge Arts Festival, UK
Fisher Theatre Bungay, UK
Black Swan Folk Club York, UK
Bromsgrove Folk Festival Bromsgrove, UK
Georgian Theatre Royal Richmond, UK
Oxley Folk Club Otley, UK
Darford Folk Club Dartford, UK
The Rondo Theatre Bath, UK
Bromyard Folk Festival, UK
Darlington Arts Centre Darlington, UK
Cottingham Folk Club Cottingham, UK
Oxley Black Sheep Folk Festival Otley, UK
The Met Theatre Bury, UK
Cambridge Folk Club Cambridge, UK
Fyfe Folk Festival Fleetwood, UK
Hear at Anchor Folk Club, Leigh on Sea, UK
Frodsham Folk Club Frodsham, UK
Little Ness Village Hall, Shropshire UK
Croxdon Folk Club London, UK
Shining Faces Acoustic Roots Liecyc Wors, UK
Boston Folk Club Boston, Lincolnshire, UK
Parkgate Folk Club Parkgate, The Wirral, UK
Harlequin Theatre Northwich, UK
Belper Music Festival Belper, Derbyshire, UK
Tump Folk Club Coventry, UK
Perkies Folk Club Stockport, UK
Cross Keys Folk Club, Saddleworth, UK
The Back Room, Cottingham UK
Ireby Festival Ireby UK
Irish Folk Club, Irvine Scotland
Crail Folk Club, Crail Scotland
Montrose Folk Club, Montrose Scotland
Amberly Acoustic, Amberly W Sussex UK
The Cut Theatre, Halesworth UK
St Neots Festival St Neots UK
Middlewich Folk & Boat Festival, Middlewich UK
The Bothy Folk Club, Southport UK
The Marymass Festival, Irvine Scotland
Sunray Folk Club, Broadmayne UK
Ilkley Playhouse, Ilkley UK
The Drift Concert, BBC Radio Lancashire UK
The Crooked Billet, Henley on Thames UK
Garstang Unplugged, Garstang UK
Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham UK
Horsham Folk Club, Horsham UK
The Gin Parlour, Northampton UK
Alford Acoustics, Alford UK
Square Chapel Theatre, Halifax
The Rambottom Festival, Rambottom UK
St. Neots Folk Club, St Neots UK
The Green Note, Camden London UK
Southdowns Folk Festival, Bognor Regis UK
Owen Street Arts Centre, Atherstone UK
Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club, The Wirral UK
Warwick Folk Club, Warwick UK
Shippen Folk & Blues Club, Sheerness UK
Seend Acoustic Club, Seend Wilt UK
Blue Walnut, Torquay UK
Musicroom Bar, Cockermouth UK
Acoustic Lounge, Pontypool UK
Kettering Arts Centre, Kettering UK
Devises Folk Club, Devises UK
Sipsbury Theatre, Sipsbury UK
The Granary Theatre, Wells-next-the-Sea, UK
Hebden Roots Music Festival, Hebden Bridge UK
Bawtry Phoenix Folk Festival, Bawtry UK
Letchworth Blues, Folk and Roots Ballock UK
Folk @ The Ship Inn, Newton Northumberland
Rolling Hills Folk, Darnick Scotland

CANADA

Winter Folk Camp Haliburton, ON
Historic Leitch Church Celidh Leith, ON
Summer Music Festival Kincardine ON
Estival Port Hope, ON
Kincardine Music Festival, Kincardine ON
Music, Park It and Market, Stayer ON
Fairy Tale concerts, Southamond, ON
Arts on the Bay Point au Baril, ON
Bancroft Village Playhouse Bancroft, ON
Art Gallery of Northumberland Cobourg, ON
Havenside Theatre Hanover, ON
Metford Hall Meaford, ON
Summerfolk Music & Crafts Owen Sound, ON
Roxy Theatre Owen Sound, ON
Haliburton County Folk Society Haliburton, ON
Cuckoo’s Nest Folk Club London, ON
Concerts at St George’s Anglican, Cheshon ON
Hanover Civic Theatre, Hanover ON
Brampton Folk Club, Brampton ON
City of Guelph Noon Hour Concerts Guelph, ON
Wingham Heritage Theatre Wingham, ON
Millrace Folk Society Cambridge, ON
Stirling Festival Theatre Stirling, ON
Stratford Festival Theatre Stratford, ON
Hugh’s Room Town Hall
Roberta Bondar Park Sault Ste Marie, ON
Live from the Rock Folk Festival Red Rock, ON
Downtown Concerts, Goderich ON
Acoustic Harvest, Scarborough ON
Firehall Theatre, Cobourg ON
Burns Warf Theatre, Manotick, ON
The Music Barn, Stratford ON
Fall Festival, Stratford ON
Folkline, Stratford ON
Folk On The Rocks, Stratford ON
Tpll Folk Club, Toronto ON
The Sanctuary Concerts, Chatham, NJ
Heartland at Home Concerts, Rochester NY
Harmony House Webster, NY
Oswego Music Hall, Oswego, NY
Canal Square Concerts Cohoes, NY
The Roxbury Arts Group Denver, NY
First Night Oil City, PA
Chicory House Wilkes-Barre, PA
Foxburg Historic Lincoln Hall, Foxburg, PA
Diamond Park, Meadville, PA
Old Lynch Concer, Lynch, PA
The Lincoln Hall, Foxburg, PA
The Showroom, Truckville PA
Gring’s Mill Amphitheater, Reading, PA
Goodell Gardens & Heritage, Edenboro PA
Memorial Park, Indiana PA
Susquehanna Music & Arts Festival
Havre de Grace, MD
The New Earth Granary, Berkeley Springs, WV
The Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV
Dewey Decibel Concert Williamsburg, VA
Tidewater Friends of Folk Music-Virginia Beach, VA
Chinn Park Regional Library Prince William, VA
Ashland Coffee & Tea, Ashland, VA
Kirk Ave Music Hall Roanoke, VA
Sleepy Hollow Folk Club Falls Church, VA
Salt of the Earth Frenzy, MI
City Park Performance Shell, St. Johns, MI
Harbor Arts Concerts, Three Oaks MI
Beaver Island Music Festival Beaver Island, MI
Foundry Hall South Haven, MI
William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Escambia MI
Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks MI
Cooma United Church, Coloma MI
City of Ashland Concerts, Ashland, OH
Point Place Library, Toledo OH
Mount Healthy City Park Stage, OH
Point Park Gazebo, Willoughby, OH
Lake County Folk Club, Chicago, IL
Two Way Street Coffeehouse Chicago, IL
Folkstage Midnite Special, WFMF Chicago, IL
Oak Park Library Concerts Chicago, IL
Glenview Public Library, Glenview, IL
Galena Festival of Performing Arts, Galena, IL
The Potter’s Shed Shell Lake, WI
Cafe Carpe, Fort Atkinson, WI
Heritage Center New Richmond, WI
Great Lakes Bandshell, Merrimac WI
Evenings in Ephraim, Ephraim WI
Pheonix Bandshell, Delavan WI
Belleville Library Park Gazebo, Belleville WI
Baraboo Courthouse, Baraboo WI
Lake Park Gazebo, Milwaukee WI
Elm Grove Park Concerts, Elm Grove WI
Red Wing Arts Association, Red Wing MN
Paramount Theatre Austin, MN
Cannon River Winery, Cannon Falls MN
The Bothy Folk Club Markato, MN
The Cedar Cultural Centre Minneapolis, MN
The Bothy Folk Club Minneapolis, MN
Staples Motley Area Arts Council, Staples MN
Civic Center Park, Burnsville, MN
Pine City Summer Concerts, Pine City, MN
Crossings at Carnegie Zumbrota, MN
Brookings Summer Arts Festival SD
The Listening Room Fargo, ND