

Winter—Derringer combo is no trash

Entertainment

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Edgar Winter and Rick Derringer, also known as White Trash, played a searing show at Club 2000 last week. They gave a near capacity audience two solid hours worth of red-hot rock and roll. Their playing and singing was so intense they could have made the dead dance. As it was, the living were on their feet a lot of the time.

The band included Kevin Hupp on drums, Charlie Torres on bass, C.P. Roth on keyboards, with Derringer on guitar, and Edgar on sax, synthesizer, and drums. This was a tight unit, well practiced and featuring outstanding musicians.

Both men took turns singing their hits, including Winter's Fly Away, Free Ride, and Frenkenstein, and Derringer's Rock and Roll Hootchie Koo, Teenage Love Affair, and the marvelous Hang On Sloopy. But it wasn't just a ride down memory lane, although their renditions of those songs were inspired. (Frankenstein included a riff from a song from Last Tango in Paris). No, the two performed several new works, including Cry Out, an environmentally oriented song from Winter's new album, Mission Earth. The proceeds from this song are being donated to the United Nations Environment Program.

Other new songs have not yet been recorded, but sounded fantastic. Rhapsody in Red, an instrumental, started out as an incredibly pretty ballad, with Winter playing his sax so sweetly it was almost unbearable, then moved into a jazz inflected rocker. Another new song was also a lovely ballad, giving the show a balance between fast and slow.

One of the highlights had to be Rick's intro to a great favorite, "Sherman, it's time to set the Way Back machine." "Where are we going Mr. peabody?" "To 1965, to Ohio..." signalling the crowd to go wild. Back in 1965 Derringer led the McCoys, and their hit Hang On Sloopy made it to the top of the charts. The updated version kept

all the best elements of the old one, but with this band it had a harder rocking sound. It was superb.

The encore was the bluesy Tobacco Road, a long version with many solos, segueing into the Isley Brothers' Shout! A better finish could not have been possible.

After the show, Winter and Derringer gave brief interviews. Edgar is shy, has the characteristic Albino appearance and was obviously bothered by the lights. He spoke in a soft Texas drawl about his last album, Mission Earth, which is based on a series of 10 L. Ron Hubbard sci-fi novels. The music could become a basis for a movie or a Broadway show. "I was attracted to the idea of putting the books to music." He and Rick had been touring Japan and recorded a live album, which has been released there, but he was unsure if it would be released in Canada.

Rick, who has not grown any taller, but is a little fatter, was obviously more at ease with the interview process. He and Edgar have been writing songs together, in preparation for a studio album they plan to put out soon. Rick is also working on a solo album. He was preparing to tour alone until Edgar called and suggested joining him. The current tour will last through September and will include gigs in West Germany, Scandinavia, and Australia. During the tour Rick hopes to squeeze in some recording time.



1970s rockers Edgar Winter and Rick Derringer teamed up to form White Trash. The duo appeared at Club 2000 Wednesday night much to the delight of a full house. (Herald photo)

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