



## **G. Love & Special Sauce Bring Their "Philadelphonic" Sound to Lupo's**

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On Friday, Philadelphia's own G. Love & Special Sauce came to Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel in Providence and put on one of the most memorable concerts I've ever borne witness too. The show started off with The Wood Brothers; comprised of Madjeski, Martin & Wood's bassist Chris Wood and his brother, guitarist Oliver Wood. They proved to be an awesome opening act, playing some bluesy folk with Oliver singing with a southern drawl. Their great set included a cover of the Allman Brothers' "Midnight Rider" that really set the mood for the rest of the concert.

There was a 10 minute intermission after the Wood Brothers finished their set. Then the lights came up again and the pandemonium that electrified the crowd shook Lupo's to its foundation. G. Love & Special Sauce started in on "Holla!!," a track off the band's most recent album Lemonade (2006). The "Rappin" Blues rhythm of G. Love & Special Sauce flowed through the audience like water through a river, with everyone in the audience dancing to the groove. During the middle of the set, G. Love brought out The Wood Brothers back to the stage for a little jam session. It started off with a bass duel for the ages between Chris Wood and Kingston's own Jimi "Jazz" Prescott, the bassist for G. Love & Special Sauce and then they went into a duo of covers including "Can I Kick It?" by A Tribe Called Quest and then "Gin & Juice" by Snoop Dogg that was off the hook. G. Love and the band then started playing "Roaches," a song off of one of the band's fourth album, Philadelphonic, (1999). After playing

"Roaches" the band went right into "Rodeo Clowns," a song off of the same album that G. Love recorded with Jack Johnson. Johnson was an unknown at that point and this collaboration proved to be one of Johnson's first big hits in 2003.

The band left the stage, and the crowd started chanting for an encore. G. Love & Special Sauce delivered with nearly another hour of music including playing some of their early hits including "Cold Beverage" off of the self-titled 1994 debut album as well as their famous song "Milk & Cereal" which a couple of Virginia Tech students made a video about. I was completely blown away by the music and spectacle that G. Love & Special Sauce put on.

If you ever hear about G. Love & Special Sauce coming to your neighborhood I highly suggest you buy yourself a ticket and check them out. You will not be disappointed.