



## Brother and Sister Artist Bio

Katie and Michael Gaughan (Brother and Sister) is “A sibling duo that is part White Stripes, part Whitesnake and part white noise.” Star Tribune 2005. Brother and Sister play positive, high-energy punk rock with a focus on visual performance and audience participation.

Brother and Sister was awarded “BEST LIVE ARTIST” (2005 City Pages), “BEST CONCERT WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS” (2006 City Pages), “BEST LIVE ACT 4” (2005 Star Tribune), “BEST SONG 6” (2005 Star Tribune), and “EASILY THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ACT”- describing Brother and Sister @ the Picked to Click First Ave concert (How was the Show 2005). Also, in The Wire: Adventures in Modern Music, Byron Coley wrote a positive review of their debut 10 inch mini LP.

The band is known for organizing scavenger hunt concerts for all age audiences in and around Minneapolis. These all-day events consist of multiple bands at multiple secret locations where the audience travels via bicycle, car or bus and deciphers clues in order to find the next location.

Past events have included performances at a recently abandoned county jail, the alter of a church (inside and on top of a coffin), a downtown YWCA indoor pool (with an audience of 150 kids swimming in the pool), art galleries, rooftops, hotel rooms, schools, beaches, a roller rink, an outdoor water park, picnic shelters, under highway overpasses, etc. The Walker Art Center has teamed up with Michael Gaughan to organize the most recent scavenger hunt.

In addition to playing in unconventional venues, Brother and Sister create custom guitars such as Hard Candy Guitars (that are eaten and licked by audience members and smashed during the show), Electric Ant Colony (a real ant farm guitar), The Helicaster (RC Helicopter flying guitar), and Quad Chopper (4 neck spinning guitar). Guitar drawings (done with a marker on the headstock of the guitar), are also created during performances.

Brother and Sister have toured the Midwest and West Coast and have played many benefit shows including Yo! The Movement’s Hurricane Katrina Relief Benefit, Save the Farm’s Minnesota Organic Farm Benefit, Minneapolis College of Art and Design’s Green Club Benefits as well as benefits for local collectives such as Arise Bookstore, Spokes Pizza Collective and others.

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