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THE DUO



Oh Valentino, are a husband and wife duo who have been playing sweet music together in the Charleston area for the past 5 years. Our sound is often compared to the Civil Wars and Swell Season and our influences range from Gillian Welch to Radiohead. With soaring harmonies, acoustic guitar and piano, we have built a reputation for surprising crowds with our diverse selection of music. From ballads to foot stomping anthems, we can customize our sound for any event.

We have the flexibility to perform as an intimate duo for wedding ceremonies, cocktail hours and dinner music or we can perform as a four-piece band for an upbeat fun reception party. We also have the capability to offer limited DJ services with our top of the line Bose system, if needed. With over 140 songs in our repertoire of music to choose from, you're sure to find the perfect soundtrack to your evening. Don't see your favorite song?? We pride ourselves and love the challenge of learning new music that will make your day extra special and at no extra cost. We welcome you to read our testimonials on Wedding Wire and please visit our website to listen to our sound. Check out our shows page and you can even hear us live. Thanks for taking the time to find out more about us. We hope to work with you in the future.

THE BAND



Christina O'Brien is a South Carolina native who has been performing music for over 15 years, including tours of the east coast and New York City. An accomplished vocal coach and pianist, Christina has a versatile range of styles from classical to contemporary. In addition to her music abilities, she is also a web and graphic designer.



Aaron O'Brien who is a native of England, has lived in South Carolina for ten years. He has played in bands and duos in Europe and the United States for over 15 years. Pairing his vocals with guitar, mandolin and piano, Aaron incorporates a folk influence into his acoustic performances. You can also find him at Roper St. Francis where he works in the Ryan White HIV program.



Kris Manning is a percussionist with over 30 years' experience playing music. From rock and blues to classical and world, That Girl Drummer happily plays it all. Her background includes a Percussion Performance Degree from the University of Connecticut and Music Composition Studies from the Hartt School of Music. She has toured Russia with John Beck and 13 percussionists from the Percussive Arts Society. She has also studied marimba with Leigh Howard Stevens. Kris specializes in cajon, drum set, orchestral percussion and mallet instruments. She currently gigs in Charleston, SC with various bands and teaches private lessons at Black Tie Music academy on Daniel Island; www.blacktiemusicacademy.com.



Phil Kelly, a native to Chicago, Illinois has been playing bass since he was knee high to a grasshopper. An avid surfer, Phil still finds time to teach English to hispanic children at one of the area schools.



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SWELL FOLK | Oh Valentino w/ Slayton Johnson Fri. Jan. 17 Sparrow

The husband-and-wife duo of Aaron and Christina O'Brien — a.k.a. Oh Valentino — are truly one of the unsung heroes of the Holy City music scene. They craft harmony-driven, folk-pop in the vein of Swell Season and the Civil Wars, and they do it every bit as good as those two acts. Frankly, it's a shock that the pair aren't already Charleston darlings. The question, of course, is why? "It's a running joke that we are the worst self-promoters. I guess we're just humble and very poor salespersons," Aaron says. Although the duo has brought on a few musicians to help them expand their sound, there's no denying the power of this pair. "It's amazing what two people can do. It brings an instant intimacy to the music and adds a dynamic that brings everything to life," Aaron notes. "We felt the new material we were writing needed something else. We teamed up with a local bass player, Phil Kelly, and percussionist Kris Manning to see if our two-piece could work as a four-piece. It really brought a lot of life to our sound, and we were able to write and perform in a new way. It all came together really well, and we're excited about the sound we have." One of the band's standout tunes, "Au Contraire," came out of those sessions; it's a tune that's sure to delight fans of the *Once* soundtrack. While Aaron and Christina are busy raising a family, they hope to have an LP of original material out in the fall. —Chris Haire FRIDAY

PRESS & REVIEWS

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Best Husband-and-Wife Duo You Don't Know About

Oh Valentino

By Chris Haire  @haireofthedog

Staff Pick



For whatever crazy reason, the husband-and-wife duo of Aaron and Christina O'Brien — a.k.a. Oh Valentino — have kept a low profile here in the Holy City. And it's a shame, because the pair craft some of the finest Swell Season-style folk pop around; heck, we'd even go as far as to say they're every bit as good as that celebrated, Academy Award-winning duo, if we didn't want to be accused of being hyperbolic. Fortunately, Aaron and Christina seem to be booking more gigs around town, so here's hoping this duo gets the exposure they deserve.

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"I first met Aaron and Christina when they were playing on the deck at The Charleston Pourhouse back in the early summer of 2015, when my wife, Michelle, and I were the midst of enthusiastic wedding planning. I was immediately struck but the quality of their vocal harmonies, their eclectic and innovative selections of songs, and their welcoming and engaging demeanor. The more I listened, and the more I learned about them as a band, the more convinced I became that they would be the perfect choice to be the band to play at our wedding... and Michelle and I were proved right! Their four-piece could not have been a more perfect fit for the Carriage House at Magnolia Plantation where Michelle and I had both our ceremony and reception. They did a fantastic job, sounded amazing, were incredibly professional, and felt like part of our guests. I have come to consider them friends and continue to see them locally, and will always consider them to be a very special band having contributed in such a unique and beautiful way to our wedding day. I could not recommend them more highly, and look forward to hearing them, and perhaps joining them on stage again, in the near future."

"Great people! They played during the ceremony and reception, and also served as DJ service for the late night dancing. Highly professional, flexible and responsive. They were wonderful to work with."

REVIEWS



"Oh Valentino was absolutely AMAZING at our wedding!!!

Their style is exactly what we wanted, folk, classy, rustic, elegant; a beautiful blend for our classic southern garden wedding. They played for our ceremony and cocktail hour, and then DJ-ed our dinner and reception. They learned our song, and played/sang it for us for the first dance. And they even changed a few lines in it to make it fit us better. Aaron and Christina are so sweet and lovely to work with. We couldn't have been happier. I wish we could relive that evening over and over again. Oh Valentino had a huge part in making our wedding day all that we had imagined and more!"

"Oh Valentino was the perfect choice for my wedding ceremony music. They were professional and timely, as well as personable and flexible to our needs. They were willing to learn new music to fit our ceremony, and they made everything run so smoothly! They were in communication with us for months before the wedding to make sure we had everything planned out and they are so friendly and talented! Their voices are incredible and helped make our ceremony unique and lighthearted!"

"Oh Valentino rocked it! If you are looking for an impressive duo to play a great mix of covers and originals, then look no further. Aaron and Christina are amazing musicians and take pride in what they do. The first time we heard them was at Holy City Brewery a few years ago and we were impressed right then and there. At our wedding, we first heard them while we were taking wedding pictures and they sounded perfect. We had multiple guests at the wedding come and ask us who was the band and how did we find them. We wish them both the best and would recommend them to anyone."

There could not have been better music at our wedding.. Oh Valentino are the perfect duo for any event. They can play a lot of covers with a cool folksy indie rock sound that will please any guests. Also their original songs are great as well. We got lots of compliments on our music choice during and after the wedding.

"What a great and talented band this is. The vocals and the instruments matched our wedding theme perfectly. They had a great acoustic sound. Without getting too mushy, they were just amazing people too; super flexible, they were easy going when it called for it and very professional for the ceremony. yay for Oh Valentino!"

"Booking Oh Valentino was one of the best wedding planning decisions my husband and I made. These guys are SO great to work with. They even learned to play a song that we requested for us. We still get compliments from our guests on the musicians we had at our wedding. Not only are they incredibly talented, they are super nice and easy to work with and you can tell they're just good people :)"

"I can't say enough wonderful things about Christina and Aaron. Above and beyond how wonderful their music and singing are they are a pleasure to work with. Not only did they learn new music for my ceremony but they suggested ways to enhance the program and made sure that the music decisions that were made would work with the time frames and the overall flow of the ceremony. You just don't find wedding vendors that will do these types of things for you very often. The main comments that I received from my guests were surrounding how beautiful and touching the music was for the ceremony and I definitely owe all the credit to Oh Valentino for this."

"Christina and Aaron are phenomenal. I found them through a craigslist ad and started crying when I heard Christina's angelic voice. Together this duo is beyond words. They are super talented and even took the time to learn a new song that I wanted to walk down the aisle to. The only disappointing thing I can say is they probably won't be available to do weddings once they get discovered!!!"

SONG LIST COVER SONGS

3 Rounds & A Sound - Blind Pilot
9 Crimes - Damien Rice
Ain't No Sunshine - Bill Withers
America - Simon & Garfunkel
American Baby - Dave Matthews Band
Anyone Else But You - Juno Sountrack
Barton Hollow - The Civil Wars
Between the Bars - Elliott Smith
Billy Jean - Michael Jackson
Birds & Ships - Wilco
Black Sun - Death Cab For Cutie
Brain Stew - Green Day
Bring me to Life - Evanescence
Caleb Meyer - Gillian Welch
Carnival - Natalie Merchant
Come Away With Me - Norah Jones
Cosmic Love - Florence and The Machine
Country Roads - John Denver
Crazy Love - Van Morrison
Creep - Radiohead
Dancing in the Dark - Bruce Springsteen
Down by the Water - The Decemberists
Down in The River to Pray - Alison Krauss
Eli the Barrow Boy - The Decemberists
Elvis Presley Blues - Gillian Welch
Everlong - Foo Fighters
Falling - The Civil Wars
Falling Slowly - Swell Season
February Seven - The Avett Brothers
Feel Like Making Love - Bad Company
Feel My Love - Bob Dylan/Adele
Feeling Good - Nina Simone
For the Widows in Paradise - Sufjan Stevens
Forget Me Not - The Civil Wars
Get Lucky - Daft Punk
Go Away My Lover - Elizabeth and the Catapult
Good Til Now - Gillian Welch
Half Acre - Hem
Hallelujah - Jeff Buckley
Heart Shaped Box - Nirvana
Heaven - Brandi Carlisle
Here Comes The Sun - The Beatles
Hero - Family Of The Year
High and Dry - Radiohead
High For This - Weeknd
Hit me Baby - Brittany Spears
Hold You in My Arms - Ray Lamontagne
Home - Edward Sharpe
Home - Philip Philips
I & Love & You - The Avett Brothers
I Cant Help Falling In Love With You - Elvis Presley
I Do - Colbie Caillat
I Had A Dream - Priscilla Ahn Ballad
I Will Wait - Mumford & Sons
I'll Follow You - Shinedown
I'll Follow You in the Dark - Death Cab For Cutie
In My Daughter's Eyes - Martina McBride
In My Life - The Beatles
Into The Mystic - Van Morrison
Is This Love - Bob Marley
Jolene - Ray Lamontagne
Jolene - Dolly Parton
Ledges - Noah Gundersen
Let Him Fly - Patty Griffith
Look At Miss Ohio - Gillian Welch
Losing My Religion - REM
Kids - MGMT
Little Lion Man - Mumford and Sons
Losing My Religion - REM
Love Interruption - Jack White
Lucky - Radiohead
Man On the Moon - REM
Michigan - Milk Carton Kids
Naked As We Came - Iron and Wine
Oh My Sweet Carolina - Ryan Adams
Older Chests - Damien Rice
On Top Of The World - Imagine Dragons
One - U2
Paperweight - Joshua Radin
Poison & Wine - The Civil Wars
Riptide - Vance Joy
Running To Stand Still - U2
Save my Soul - Jewel
Sitting on the Dock of the Bay - Otis Redding
Skinny Love - Bon Iver
Song C - Bruce Hornsby
Stitches - Shawn Mendez
Sweet Child of Mine - Guns N Roses
Sweet Dreams - Eurythmics
Sweet Pea - Amos Lee
Swing Life Away - Rise Against
That's What's Up - Edward Sharpe
The Bends - Radiohead
Things Behind the Sun - Nick Drake
This Kind Of Love - Sister Hazel
Tonight You Belong to Me (From The Jerk)
Train Song - Ben Gibbard & Feist
Trouble - Ray Lamontagne
Two - Ryan Adams
Two of Us - The Beatles
Undone (Sweater Song) - Weezer
Up To The Mountain - Patty Griffith
Use Somebody - Kings of Leon
Valentine - Kina Grannis
Volcano - Damien Rice
Wandering Star - Portishead
White Blank Page -Mumford and Sons
Wicked Game - Chris Isaak
Winter Winds - Mumford and Sons
World Spins Madly On - The Weepies
Yankee Bayonet - The Decemberists
You're The One That I Want - Angus & Julia Stone's
Version

SONG LIST ORIGINAL SONGS

Au Contraire - Oh Valentino
City On the Hill - Oh Valentino
Come Undone - Oh Valentino
Find Me - Oh Valentino
Friend Request Ignored - Oh Valentino
From The Blue - Oh Valentino
Gold & Silver & Spite - Oh Valentino
Halcyon - Oh Valentino
Imagine My Surprise - Oh Valentino
In Your Arms - Oh Valentino
It's A Ghost - Oh Valentino
Me and the world - Oh Valentino
Moth to a Flame - Oh Valentino
No Rain - Oh Valentino
Northern Star - Oh Valentino
One by One - Oh Valentino
One More Try - Oh Valentino
Quietly - Oh Valentino
Sleep When I'm Dead - Oh Valentino
Songbird - Oh Valentino
The Island - Oh Valentino
The War That We Made - Oh Valentino
Tightrope - Oh Valentino
Undertow - Oh Valentino
You're Lost - Oh Valentino

MUSIC EQUIPMENT

INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

Bose L1 Model 2 PA System

M-AUDIO DCP200 Digital Piano (88 keys)

Roland Juno Di Keyboard Synth

Vintage Epiphone Acoustic Guitar

Hohner Harmonica Set

Lanikai Ukulele

Shure SM58 Microphone

Shure PG 58 Microphone

Behringer Ultratone Keyboard Amp

Acoustic Ag60 Acoustic Amp

Special Edition Alex Acuna Cajon



VENUES PLAYED

PUBLIC EVENTS

LowCountry Live Channel 4
Awendaw Green Barn Jam
WQSC 1340 Live Radio
Brickhouse
SoitilleTheatre
The Gathering Cafe
The Sparrow
Sunday Brunch Farmers Market
The Green Heart Project Harvest Festival
Holy City Brewing
Holiday Food Truck Rodeo
Parson Jacks Cafe
Coastal Coffee Roasters
Blu
Spring Fling Food Truck Rodeo
Mad River
Pour House Deck
The Royal American
Thornhill Farms Music Festival
Southside 17
Craft Conundrum

PRIVATE EVENTS

Charlestowne Landing Founders Hall
William Aiken House
The Lake House Columbia
Pepper Plantation
Gibbs Museum
Boone Hall Cotton Dock
Patriots Point
Lake Cumberland Kentucky
Maganolia Plantation



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