

## British Columbia

### **Sunshine Music Festival**

**"Many adjectives can be used to describe John Welsh's band, but the one that comes to mind first is "fun". Everything they play, from Latin, reggae to East Coast beats, is meant to get people up and dancing and trust me, they're successful. They played the Sunshine Music Festival and had everyone moving from the first beat. You will not regret booking these guys, that's for sure."**

*-Clayton Brander, Director, Sunshine Music Festival, Powell River, BC*

**"OH MY GOD, I loved these guys. They make you feel you are on a hot, white sunny beach with a drink in your hand. So full of electric energy. Fabulous choice and asset to any festival."**

*- Alert Bay Seafest director, Kim Mercer, Alert Bay, BC*

**"From the first strum of his guitar, John Welsh poured a feel-good, positive vibe over the audience at the CBC Musical Nooners. He's got a natural command of the stage combined with infectious toe tapping songs that puts one in mind of sunny beaches and happy times. I think we could all use more music from John Welsh in our lives."**

*- Michael Juk, Senior Producer CBC Vancouver*

**"John Welsh is one of Vancouver's premiere up and coming indie artists."**

*- Todd Hancock, former 99.3 CFOX host and indie music director*

## Alberta

**"Wow, what a night! Thank you so much for kicking off our season in such a grand fashion. It was stellar! Everyone had an amazing time."**

*- Geraint Osborne, Rose City Roots Music Society, Camrose, AB*

**"John Welsh and the Los Valientes are a band who not only are successful at bringing together a variety of different musical styles and genres are also successful at bringing people together in the same way. Even when the power from our main stage suddenly quit before their show at the Kaleido Family Arts Festival, nothing could damper the band's spirit and they continued to play, without any mics, surrounded by an audience in our parking lot. This is just one**

way that they showed us their true passion for life and music. We have loved having them be a part of our festivals because of their fantastic live show and down to earth personalities.”

- *Katarina Bell, Kaleido Festival, Edmonton, Alberta*

### California

“...The band put on an amazing show. It was one of our best attended performances and I heard lots of positive feedback from several of our audience members. We had many season pass holders here as well as community members who had never before attended an arts council show; it was great! They also drew in a younger crowd than we usually do, which I was very pleased about. Thank you!...”

“The band is very flexible and easy to work with, willing to help with promotional activities before and after the show. Their outreach in our elementary school had all the students up and dancing in no time, a trend that carried over into their public evening performance. Our audience, who typically remains seated, was moving like we had not seen in awhile. They are talented instrumentalist who bring a lot of enjoyment to what they do, translating to fun had by all who attend their concerts.”

-*Stephanie Wenning, Director, Del Norte Arts Association, Crescent City, CA*

### Idaho

“Working with John and his band members was a pleasure. Not only are they professional, they are fun and easy to be around. They provided an excellent, lively and well-received concert to a record crowd. We continue to receive positive feedback regarding their performance, with many requests to have them back.”

-*Ali Shute, Executive Director, Couer D’Alene Arts Culture Alliance, Couer D’Alene, Idaho*

“...The show was amazing... the kids show was pure energy and the kids raved about it. The night show is the talk of the town of how much fun it was! As a new experience for us... I was nervous to expose our usual crowd to something new, but they loved it!...”

- *Willards Arts Centre, Idaho Falls - ID*

### Oregon

**“... they were great! They were engaging with the audience and we heard nothing but positive comments about their performance. The school performance had kids dancing and teachers very excited about attending. In fact, afterward, a Kindergarten teachers asked if her class could meet John and he went out and gave the kids “high-fives” and then had a mob of hugs from our little ones. A great group of artists and an awesome show!”**

*-Mark(Director) Ross Ragland Theater, Klamath Falls, Oregon*

### **Washington State**

**“The band was FABULOUS! The audience had so many good things to say, and they were so great to work with!...”**

*-City of Lacey , Lacey, Washington*

**“...GREAT Concert! Thank you so much for working out this date!  
Our audience LOVED them! I think they gained a more than a few new fans!  
We’ll hope to have them back again sometime!...”**

*-McIntyre Hall, Mount Vernon Washington*

### **Mexico**

**“This band has a special way of connecting with the Mexican audience. The happiness of the music and the fact that they can speak and sing in Spanish really gets the crowd going! I would say they have big potential in the Mexican market based on the response in Tijuana”**

*— Marcos Mandizabal, Folk Productions Tijuana (Tijuana, MX)*



