

Balthrop, Alabama

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In 2006, Alabama-born songwriter-siblings Pascal and Lauren Balthrop moved to New York City to start a band and ended up founding a town. "Balthrop, Alabama" (population 11 or so) is their bustling folk rock township.

Musically, the band straddles the fine line between antebellum and antifolk, reconstructing indie pop with songs of love, dead people, and dead people in love. In 2007, they released their double-album debut, "Your Big Plans and Our Little Town," on the nascent End Up label, to be followed up by a series of EPs, beginning with the sardonic protest song "God Loves My Country."

Now the townfolk are taking to the highways and byways, showcasing their talents in cities throughout the Midwest and South this June and July. Friend and neighbor Michael Arthur, artist-in-residence at New York's esteemed Joe's Pub Theater, is along for the ride, projecting live drawings of the town behind the band as they play. Balthrop, Alabama will also be playing in support of beloved indie singer-songwriter Dawn Landes, and alongside fellow End Up artist Andrew Vladeck and his electrified banjo.

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Summer 2008 Tour Dates

— opening for & backing Dawn Landes —

Sun Jun 15 NYC - Mercury Lounge
"God Loves My Country" EP release
Mon Jun 16 Philadelphia - The Fire
Tue Jun 17 Pittsburgh - Garfield Artworks
Wed Jun 18 Columbus - Rumba Cafe
Thu Jun 19 Chicago - The Hideout
Fri Jun 20 Louisville - The Poor Haus
Sat Jun 21 Lexington - The Dame
w. Jason Isbell
Tue Jun 24 Cincinnati - The Northside Tavern
w. Mike Fair & The Adventure Seekers

— with Andrew Vladeck opening —

Wed Jun 25 Louisville - The Rudyard Kipling
w. The Town Criers / Nautical Fox
Thu Jun 26 Memphis - Earnestine & Hazel's
Fri Jun 27 Birmingham - Upside Down Plaza
w. Every Alice on Earth
Sat Jun 28 Atlanta - Eye Drum
The Monster Art Show
Sun Jun 29 Hunstville - Flying Monkey
Mon Jun 30 Nashville - Bongo After Hours Theater
w. Molly Thomas
Tue Jul 1 Asheville - BoBo Gallery
w. Hope & Anchor, Woody Pines (solo)
Wed Jul 2 Chapel Hill - Nightlight
w. Polynya & TBA