

Akron/Family

Akron/Family is writing a 21st century non-denominational hymnal, free of any New Age stink or hippie laziness. The trio (though they often perform as five, six, seven or more) tap into the great currents of the universe and share that energy and unfiltered beauty with us. Their constant desire to obliterate the line between audience/consumer and performer/musician shares something with the Dead, Phish and others who've introduced participatory elements into the mix. However, those bands rarely gave so freely or vigorously to those who stood before them.

Akron/Family are a very special band and you cheat yourself with every minute you wait to wade into their waters. Their third proper album is Set 'Em Wild, Set 'Em Free, out May 5, 2009 on Dead Oceans.