

## Carney

Thin, handsome and sensitive, Reeve Carney could almost be the hero of a Tim Burton fairy-tale. It's not surprising he counts the director as one of his many unusual inspirations, along with Screaming Jay Hawkins, Walt Disney, the Beatles, Texas swing, and, as he hesitantly admits, "a lot of obscure artists you probably wouldn't know." There's something in his youthful countenance, in the beautiful, moody, carnivalesque, hypnotic nuances of his music, and in the sincere way his delicate voice carries the emotions of his songs that remind you of an innocent overgrown child caught in a world of adults who no longer remember how to follow their imagination and dreams.

At the age of 8, he recorded an album with Peter, Paul and Mary and a few years later he was contacted by Michael Jackson to sing on one of the tracks of *HIStory*. In 1999, when his mother could no longer afford guitar lessons, she brought him to an old Los Angeles blues club where he started to play weekly with artists over twice his age. A year later Reeve put another notch in his belt by winning Best Performance in a Feature Film during the 2000 Young Artists Awards for his portrayal of a young Ethan Hawke in *Snow Falling On Cedars*. Now 25, Carney has close to a decade of live shows behind him and the experience is obvious from his virtuoso handling of the guitar and piano to his incredible stage presence.

Carney's music effortlessly combines a dizzying array of styles drawn from rock, folk, jazz, reggae and blues with Southern influences. With an ear for the unusual and the sublime, he creates melodies of powerful force and chaotic grace. They are transported by words that speak of love, loss, faith and the human aspiration to greatness.

Carney is accompanied by his incredibly talented brother Zane Carney joins him with maestro on the guitar. JD Lipscomb carries the bass with a cool and artful touch while Jonathan Epcar brings gripping energy to the drums. The personality of each band member shines through at every moment and it's evident that the bonds of blood and friendship that tie them together are only made stronger by an immense respect for each other's artistic brilliance. These guys are the real deal...rare in these times.