

The Consuelas to Play at the Christmas Lights Switch On, Sat Nov 29th

The Consuelas will be playing at the Christmas Lights switch on. The adorable duo have been building up a fan base around Cirencester and further afield for the last few years. After forming to enter a battle of the bands competition in Wootton Bassett, they surprised themselves by winning and went on to search for shows elsewhere. The Consuelas have played at numerous beer festivals, hotels and the odd wedding.



The Consuelas, Charlie and Charlotte

The band have recorded at Stranded Studios in Swindon and are set to record original material next year to put on iTunes. Having met at Rendcomb College, the duo are very excited to play a local event and are hoping to recognise some faces in the crowd from their studies. If you want to find out more about the Consuelas or book them, you can find them online at www.theconsuelas.co.uk or e-mail them on admin@theconsuelas.co.uk

I interviewed the pair and here's what they said...

1. What upcoming events do you have lined up?

Looking ahead to Christmas we have a few exciting events coming up including the Cirencester Christmas lights. This is particularly exciting for us as we are both local and started our music career together just outside Cirencester at Rendcomb College. We're hoping to have a lot of local support from friends, family and the community.

2. You have been together a while now, how many

shows have you played? What has stood out?

We've been performing together for almost 3 years now, which all started from a local competition we took part in. Royal Wootton Bassett held a "battle of the bands" which we entered purely for fun and much to our amazement we won it which we really didn't expect! So we'd both have to say that so far that's the moment that's really stuck out for us; the support we received was phenomenal and the feedback was great which we were so humbled by.

3. You'd obviously like to play more, what kinds of shows would you like to play (weddings, gigs,

etc) and how can people book you?

At the moment we play at a lot of hotels, beer festivals and pubs and have also played at a few weddings locally. We've really enjoyed the wedding side of things as it's so lovely to be such a big part of a couples special day, and most notably to be given the honour of singing their first dance. That's always a special moment for us as the trust installed in us from the bride and groom is huge: no pressure! Looking to the future we'd both like to perform at more weddings, and also festivals. We've previously played at local beer festivals but we'd really like the opportunity to perform at local folk festivals with more up and coming bands like us!

4. Have you recorded a record, and if so where can people get it. Otherwise, are you planning on releasing anything soon?

We've been fortunate to have the opportunity to record at a local studio in Swindon "stranded studios" who like us are starting out but also work on a professional level. Next year we'd like to record more of our own material and possibly look to upload it onto iTunes!

Interview by Evan Burgess