



Cowboy Junkies: They'll appear at Bogart's in Cincinnati

Ride gets bumpy for Cowboy Junkies

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The Cowboy Junkies captured fans and critics alike with its soft, simple-sounding 1988 album *The Trinity Session*. Recorded in one 14-hour session in Toronto's Trinity Church, the record sold almost a million copies and was named one of the year's 10 best by critics.

The Canadian quartet return this year with *The Caution Horses*, and the unenviable notion of 'sophomore slump' bearing down on the band.

"With *The Trinity Session* we kind of took people by surprise because no one had ever heard of the Cowboy Junkies before," says the group's guitarist and songwriter Michael Timmins. "With this album we didn't have that open-mindedness going for us."

The band, which features Tim-

HOW TO GO

- **WHAT:** Cowboy Junkies, modern rock group.
- **WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday.
- **WHERE:** Bogart's, 2621 Vine St., University Village, Cincinnati.
- **COST:** \$13.50/\$14.50.
- **MORE INFO:** Tickets at Ticketron or charge by phone, (800) 225-7337.

mins' siblings Margo and Peter along with Alan Anton, initially tried recording the follow-up in a Quaker temple built in 1830. Dissatisfied with the results, they headed to a state-of-the-art studio.

Timmins says *The Caution Horses* was essentially "recorded in one day like *The Trinity Ses-*

tion, but we spent a lot more time there setting up and getting comfortable in the studio."

The album has met with mixed reviews and stalled at around 50 on *Billboard's* chart, but Timmins says "I'm happy with *The Caution Horses*." He adds that although "people know what to expect," the album does sound different than its predecessor.

"The change is in my writing style," Timmins explains. "There's more emphasis on arrangements" and most of the songs are originals.

Not that the group isn't still attracting attention — Margo Timmins was named one of the '50 Most Beautiful People in the World' by *People* magazine. "It's a joke, we laugh about it," he says. "She laughs about it. It's one of the things that makes me say, 'Only in America.'"