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Matthew Sweet and Susanna Hoffs In Concert

Had a delightful time last night at the Bowery Ballroom. Matthew Sweet and Susanna Hoffs of the Bangles were promoting their super-fun duets album "Under The Covers," which has them performing classic and obscure Sixties pop songs. A decent crowd but not too full, a relaxed show (Hoffs apologized for forgetting the lyrics to one song, saying they'd only had one day to rehearse this first show) and a GREAT lead guitarist. High point: in the sweltering heat, I turned to my friend and said, "I wish they'd play some songs with water in them" and the band immediately launched into the Beatles' "Rain." Low Point: when two guys in the audience were wondering who that song was by, someone told them the Beatles. But was it written by George Harrison? "Yes!" I said definitively and with great assurance. They just KNEW I was right. I was wrong. Despite its Middle eastern drone sound, it's credited to Lennon/McCartney and I assume is mostly Lennon given its structure. One schmuck in the audience kept shouting out "BBC!" "BBC!" I had no idea why. (It's certainly not a song on the album.) Then out of nowhere Mike Myers of SNL comes on stage, drink in hand and duets with them on some obscure pop-punk nugget with a chorus that goes "BBC 1! BBC 2! BBC 3! BBC 4! BBC 5! BBC 6! BBC 7! BBC Heaven!" Who knew?

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duckalicious said...

The BBC song is from the Austin Powers movies. Matthew Sweet & Susanna Hoffs were in the backing band for Mike Myers. The group was collectively called Ming Tea.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ming_Tea

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