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Maps & Atlases to play at Raue Center

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Upcoming independent music stars Maps & Atlases will bring their unique music style to Raue Center's Lucy's Café stage at 8 p.m. Friday, May 13.

Coming off the release of their first full-length album, "Perch Patchwork," Maps & Atlases has recently been compared to indie music superstars TV On The Radio and Deerhoof, as well as music legend Prince.

The new album is a departure from previous release's acoustic sound calling more on horns, strings, assorted percussions and even toy instruments to give a more layered, complex and interesting feel to the album. And, in a world cluttered with digital ephemera, an album that flows from beginning to end with such deliberate grace is all the more special ... not to mention a perfect soundtrack for the hissing of summer lawns.

These Chicago natives have been touring nonstop since the release of their 2006 EP "Tree, Swallows, Houses" and bring a presence to the stage that can only be experienced live.

Beautiful songwriting in conjunction with meticulous technical skills allow Maps & Atlases to engage a live audience, as few bands know how to accomplish. They will take the Lollapalooza stage in August, but you can see them in a far more intimate space first at Lucy's Café. In a turn to bring in a more diverse selection of music for Lucy's Café, Maps & Atlases is the perfect choice.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and can be purchased online at rauecenter.org or via the box office at (815) 356-9212 or 26 N. Williams St. in downtown Crystal Lake.

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