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FUTURITY - A Civil War Sci-Fi Musical by The Lisps

Brooklyn Band Stages Original Musical Four Nights at Joe's Pub

FUTURITY is an original indie-rock musical by Brooklyn-based foursome The Lisps. A theatrically staged song cycle, **FUTURITY** tells the story of a Union soldier in the Civil War who is an aspiring science fiction writer. The work fuses traditional American folk, found text, experimental music, and The Lisps' own brand of quirky co-ed pop. After two sold-out shows at Zipper Factory in January 2009, The Lisps are re-staging their unique and epic project at Joe's Pub May 9th, 16th, 22nd and 24th.

THE SHOW

FUTURITY chronicles the experiences of young Julian Munro, an aspiring science fiction writer in 1864 who spends his days breaking up Confederate railroad tracks as a grunt in the Union army. Julian copes with the destruction and monotony around him by imagining a far-fetched science fiction future. Guided by his brilliant mentor, the famous metaphysician Ada Lovelace, Julian writes an epic novel that folds a utopian, high-tech future back into the dark reality of war. The novel's hero, The Inventor, devises an omnipotent steam-powered artificial intelligence destined to end war and all of humanity's attendant miseries. The music in **FUTURITY** melds traditional Americana, Brechtian choral elements and contemporary indie-rock, resulting in a unique and compelling portrait of war, human imagination, and technological hubris.

THE BAND

The Lisps have been a mainstay of New York's indie-rock and anti-folk scenes for over three years. They released their latest record, *Country Doctor Museum*, to a sold-out crowd at New York's Joe's Pub in January of 2008. After several national tours, performances at SXSW, CMJ, and being named one of New York's "8 Bands to Watch" by The L magazine, the band took a five-month break to write new material. What emerged from that break was a full-fledged musical grown from The Lisps' unique approach to song and stagecraft.

LISTINGS INFORMATION

What: **FUTURITY**, a Civil War sci-fi musical by The Lisps

When: Saturday May 9 at 9:30pm, Saturday May 16 at 9:30pm,
Friday May 22 at 8pm and Sunday May 24 at 7:30pm

Where : Joe's Pub at 425 Lafayette Street between East 4th and Astor Place in Manhattan

Tickets: \$15, available at The Public Theater box office located at 425 Lafayette St. or at joespub.com

FUTURITY is directed by Dyana Kimball and written by César Alvarez. The performance stars the members of The Lisps (César Alvarez, Eric Farber, Jeremy Hoevenaar and Sammy Tunis) in addition to a seven-member chorus.

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