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Music in the Mansion

SONS OF TOWN HALL

Of Ghosts and Gods Tour

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 4pm & 7pm



PROGRAM

Songs and Stories by Sons of Town Hall will be announced from the stage.

ABOUT THE SONS OF TOWN HALL

Welcome to the mythic world of the Sons of Town Hall, the duo of **Josiah Chester Jones** (to your right) and **George Ulysses Brown** (to your left). These brave souls managed to break free from their troubled pasts (Josiah from his Confederate-sympathizing family in Kentucky and George from his abusive family butcher business in the south of England) and met many years hence in a London pub after a bar brawl over a woman. After dusting themselves off, they hatched a most audacious plan to seek a different life. They would build a raft and sail it across the ocean in search of adventure, romance, fortune, and hopefully a little tenderness.

The sea proved harder, though, than either could ever have imagined, as did the land that they ultimately washed up upon. But no challenge was great enough to break the bonds of the friendship they formed or their faith in the general goodness of humanity. Through one challenge after another, the two stuck together, bouncing from job to job, from relationship to relationship, from rags to riches and

back quickly to rags. All the while, they wrote songs, sung with voices somehow undiminished by winter, wave, wind, or worry.

And so, when they are not roaming the land seeking employment or affection, when they are not sailing for distant shores or running from the law, they bring their traveling show to village halls and public houses, to campfires and carnivals, revival tents and riverbanks to share their songs and stories. Should you choose to stay and listen, you will be treated to songs of heartbreak and heroism and tales of hope undaunted. You will be invited to sing along, to dance if you're able, and, like George and Josiah, to collectively dream of a better, kinder world. And after the show has ended, we hope you'll say hello to the boys, to wish them some encouragement on their journey, maybe to pick up some of their recordings, and to stay in touch by listening to more of their stories in the *Madmen Cross the Water* podcast or by following them online where they are and always will be the Sons of Town Hall.

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