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Concert Review: Dave Hause on tour with Flogging Molly (Photos)

It's always interesting to see one of your favorite musical acts play to a crowd who is unfamiliar with their music. If you're like me, you find yourself rooting for them as if you had an invested interest in their success, even though at the end of the day, you're just one fan in one city. You hope they do well, because if they do, it means more fans, which means more chances for you to enjoy their work in the future either live or on record. This was exactly how I felt watching Dave Hause open up for Flogging Molly at Roseland Ballroom on Saturday night.



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Dave Hause at Roseland Ballroom

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In the past, I've seen Hause (rhymes with "cause") play either headline shows or with other bands whose fans were already proud owners of his CD "Resolutions." In those instances, the room was already his before he even took the stage. However, this night was a slightly different story. Aside from a small faction who applauded at the mention of Hause's band The Loved Ones, most of the Flogging Molly fans were just now getting their first exposure to the Philly native. Being that Flogging Molly has a dedicated fanbase who always fill a hall and aren't afraid to wait in chilly Times Square to get inside early, this opening slot should help boost Hause awareness nicely.

Hause has jokingly referred to himself as "light rock", but he's much more captivating than that generic label would suggest. Hause's lyrics cover a range of life experiences ranging from the dark loneliness that comes with partying in "Pray For Tuscon", to trudging through the winter while trying to set himself up for a promising summer in "Resolutions", to simply looking forward to meeting his friends in "Meet Me At The Lanes." With these relatable songs and his punk rock charm, witnessed Saturday night when he joked around with members in the audience and dedicated "C'mon

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Kid" to a concert virgin named Colin down front, <u>Dave Hause</u> will easily have New Yorkers waiting in the cold to catch him headlining too.

To see photos from the show, click here.

Hause will be returning to NYC with The Revival Tour on March 28th at Irving Plaza, and March 30th at the Bell House in Brooklyn. You can find out more info on his official site.

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